



**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
February 26, 2014
6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION, 7:30 PM OPEN SESSION**

A draft of the Township Committee Regular Session Agenda is posted on the Township website at www.longhillnj.us on the Monday preceding the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

"In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was electronically sent to the Courier News and posted in the January 9, 2014 edition. Electronic notice was also sent to the Echoes Sentinel and posted in the January 16, 2014 edition, and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 7, 2014 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED by: _____ by the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #14-081 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **Seconded by:**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**RESOLUTION 14-081
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

- CFO

Contract Negotiations:

- PBA
- Long Hill Township Fire Dept.

Pending or Anticipated Litigation:

- Goals and Objectives

Property Acquisition:

- Kurz update
- Eberle Property
- Central School Lease / Purchase

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.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Clerk will call the Roll

PROCLAMATIONS:

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION
TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
PROCLAMATION 2014-01**

WHEREAS, WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN PROACTIVE IN A MISSION TO END BULLYING AND INTOLERANCE IN THEIR SCHOOL AND IN OUR COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE "NOT IN OUR SCHOOLS" CAMPAIGN; AND

WHEREAS, THE WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS HAS WON STATE AND NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS FOR THE ANTI-BULLING WORK OF THEIR STAFF AND STUDENTS; AND

WHEREAS, WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IS ASKING ALL MEMBERS OF OUR GREATER COMMUNITY TO WEAR WHITE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014 IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST BULLYING AND INTOLERANCE; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF LONG HILL TOWNSHIP WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND AND SUPPORT WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR BECOMING A LEADER IN THE ON-GOING INITIATIVE TO END BULLYING, AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS, LOCAL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THIS MOVEMENT AGAINST BULLYING.

NOW THEREFORE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT WORK BEING DONE BY THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BRING AWARENESS TO THEIR STUDENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY, I GUY PISERCHIA, MAYOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM **MARCH 7, 2014** TO BE "**WHITE OUT AGAINST BULLYING DAY**" AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE ON THIS DAY IN AN EFFORT TO HELP WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL TO HAVE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY **WEAR WHITE** AND UNITE TO SAY "**NOT IN OUR SCHOOLS, NOT IN OUR COMMUNITY!**"

MOVED by: _____ by the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Proclamation 2014-01 is hereby supported by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill. **SECONDED**:_____.**VOICE VOTE**:

Presentation of Proclamation by Mayor Piserchia

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 14-062
Promotional Advancement – Marczewski**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey upon the advice and recommendation of Police Chief Michael Mazzeo, does hereby approve the promotional advancement of Officer James Marczewski to Sergeant Grade III, effective February 27, 2014 at an annual salary of \$102,256.00.

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

MOVED by: _____ by the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #14-062 is hereby approved. **ROLL CALL VOTE**:

**RESOLUTION 14-063
Promotional Advancement - Naga**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey upon the advice and recommendation of Police Chief Michael Mazzeo, does hereby approve the promotional advancement of Sergeant Ahmed Naga to Lieutenant Grade II, effective February 19, 2014 at an annual salary of \$127,262.00.

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

MOVED by: _____ by the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #14-063 is hereby approved. **ROLL CALL VOTE**:

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

- HPAC Presentation on concept for Historical Memorial

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE #323-14

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SITE PLAN STANDARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING AND AMENDING SECTION 150 OF THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCE ENTITLED “DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS”

WHEREAS, Planning Board Engineer Thomas Lemanowicz, in a September 19, 2013 memorandum to the Township Planning Board, recommended amending the site plan handicapped accessible parking space standards to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disability Act; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board agrees with Mr. Lemanowicz's recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Subsection 151 of the Township Land Use Ordinance entitled "Off-Street Parking and Loading" is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph "b" is amended to read as follows:

"151.1 Off-Street Parking

b. Each off-street parking space, excluding those intended for use by drivers with physical disabilities, shall measure nine (9) feet in width and nineteen (19) feet in length (or eighteen (18) feet in length where vehicles overhang a curbed area) and shall be of a usable shape and condition. The above parking space size shall not apply to parallel curb parking spaces which shall measure no less than eight (8) feet in width by twenty-three (23) feet in length. Parking spaces and accessible routes for drivers with physical disabilities shall ~~be at least twelve (12) feet wide and otherwise conform to the requirements herein~~ meet the current regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended."

Section 2. Paragraph "e" is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"e. The number of standard automobile and van accessible parking spaces for drivers with physical disability shall be provided and marked in accordance with the current regulations of Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended."

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

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

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at **7:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, February 26, 2014** at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

MOVED by: _____, that Ordinance 323-14 be adopted on second reading and final adoption. **SECONDED** by: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION:

**ORDINANCE #324-14
CONCERNING SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS AND SUPPLEMENTING AND
AMENDING SECTION 155 OF THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCE
ENTITLED "SIGNS" AND SECTION 111 ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS"**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To permit and regulate Sandwich Board signs in business zones.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wants to improve the visibility of businesses in the Township by allowing sandwich board signs under certain conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Township Land Use Ordinance is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 111 entitled "Definitions" is supplemented and amended by deleting the definition of "Sidewalk Sign" and by adding the following new definition in alphabetical order:

"Sandwich Board Sign - a self-supporting, portable sign, not attached to the ground or other permanent structure, "A" shaped, constructed with two sides (or planes), joined at the top, with two visible sides, containing commercial speech, and situated adjacent to a business, typically on a sidewalk."

Section 2. Section 155 entitled "Signs" is supplemented and amended by adding a new subsection 155.7A, entitled "Sandwich Board Signs Permitted in the B-1-5, B-1-20, M, M-H, B-2, B-3, and O Zones" which reads as follows:

155.7A, Sandwich Board Signs Permitted in the B-1-5, B-1-20, M, M-H, B-2, B-3, and O Zones.

Sandwich board signs shall be permitted without any development approvals or permits in the B-1-5, B-1-20, M-H, M, M, B-2, B-3 and O Zones, subject to the following requirements:

1. Only one Sandwich Board is permitted for any one business. In a multi-tenant building, only one Sandwich Board shall be permitted per tenant.
2. Sandwich Boards shall be no more than thirty (30") inches in width and fifty (50") inches in height when extended. The sign shall be placed upon the ground or at grade, and the height of any such sign may not be artificially increased above the maximum allowable height by placing materials underneath the base of the sign.
3. Sandwich Boards may be displayed only during hours when the business is open to the public, and must be brought inside the building when the business is closed, except that Sandwich Board signs may be displayed during special events such as the street fair or the bike race when any such special event is being held in the immediate vicinity of the subject business.
4. A Sandwich Board may only be located in front of the business establishment that it advertises.
5. No Sandwich Board shall be placed in a driveway, the paved portion or shoulder of a public street, within a sight triangle, within any public parking space, or impede the exiting of passengers from parked cars or pedestrian movement on a public sidewalk.
6. Sandwich Boards may not be permanently fixed, but must be secured to withstand winds to prevent a roadway or sidewalk hazard.
7. Sandwich Boards shall be constructed of weather resistant material, [and no plastic or magnetic lettering shall be permitted. Information in the form of words, or images, may be provided in either chalk or dry erase, in which case they shall be changed frequently.]
8. No Sandwich Board shall contain foil, mirrors, lights, or reflective material which could create a hazardous condition to a motorist, bicyclist, or pedestrian.
9. In the B-3 Zone Sandwich Board signs shall be permitted only on the sidewalk immediately in front of the business, and no Sandwich Board signs shall be permitted on the sidewalks along Valley Road.

Section 3. Paragraph "1" in Subsection 155.1 entitled "General Restrictions" is amended to read as follows:

- A. Portable signs, including marquee and sidewalk signs, except sandwich board signs permitted pursuant to Section 155.7 A, are prohibited ~~except where permitted by other provisions of this section.~~

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

MOVED by: _____, that Ordinance 324-14 be approved on first reading with the Public Hearing scheduled for March 26, 2014 at 7:30 PM. **SECONDED** by: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE

ORDINANCE # 325-14

REQUIRING ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS TO CLEAR SNOW FROM AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER XX OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS”

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To require abutting property owners to clear snow around fire hydrants for public safety purposes.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:65-12 authorizes the Township Committee to make and enforce ordinances to compel the owner or tenant of any lands abutting upon the public highways to remove all snow and ice from the abutting sidewalks and gutters of such highways within twelve (12) hours of daylight after the same shall fall or be formed thereon; and

WHEREAS, access to fire hydrants by the Township’s volunteer fire fighters has been obstructed by accumulated snow and ice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter XX of the Township Code entitled “Streets and Sidewalks” is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

Section 1. The title of Section 20-3 is hereby changed to “Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks and from Around Fire Hydrants.”

Section 2. Section 20-3 as retitled is supplemented and amended by adding a new Subsection 20-3.4 entitled “Clearing of Snow from Around Fire Hydrants” which reads as follows:

20-3.4 CLEARING OF SNOW FROM AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS

The owner, occupant or tenant of premises upon which a fire hydrant is located shall remove all snow and ice from the area within a 5-foot radius of the perimeter of any such fire hydrant so

that access to the fire hydrant by firefighters is not obstructed. The area around the fire hydrant shall be cleared of snow and/or ice within 12 hours of daylight after the snow has formed or fallen on or around any hydrant.

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

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

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

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Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

MOVED by: _____, that Ordinance 325-14 be approved on first reading with the Public Hearing scheduled for March 26, 2014 at 7:30 PM. **SECONDED** by: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

The following items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the Agenda.

MOVED by: _____ by the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #14-082 through 14-087 are hereby approved.

SECOND by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**RESOLUTION 14-082
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 14-083
APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

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 12, 2014 Township Committee meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the February 12, 2014 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**RESOLUTION 14-084
RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE LEGISLATURE TO MAKE PERMANENT THE
2 % CAP ON INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARDS**

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2010, Governor Christie signed into law reforms to the Arbitration process that took effect January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the reforms capped arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2%, provided for random selection of arbitrators, expedited the determination of awards, required the arbitrator to provide a written report detailing the weight accorded to each of the required considerations and expedited the appeal process; and

WHEREAS, these reforms marked a dramatic change to the arbitration process and have helped municipalities to control the never-ending rise in public safety personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, a key element of the reforms, capping arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2% of the property tax levy will expire on April 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, while municipalities are statutorily limited to raise their property tax levy by no more than 2%, with very limited exceptions, failure to extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards will force municipalities throughout the State to further reduce or even eliminate crucial services, personnel, and long-overdue infrastructure improvement projects in order to fund an arbitration award; and

WHEREAS, the 2% Interest Arbitration cap has controlled one of the largest municipal expense, public safety salaries, not only through arbitration awards but through contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, absent further action by the Legislature, any contract that expires on or after April 1, 2014, will be subject to all new procedures and requirements, EXCEPT the 2% awards cap; and

WHEREAS, without those limits, arbitrators will be able to impose awards that do not account for the 2% limit on the property tax levy, which would immediately threaten funding for all other municipal services; and

WHEREAS, without the 2% cap on Interest Arbitration Awards but with the 2% cap on property tax levy local budget makers could be forced to reduce other essential municipal services to fund an arbitration award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Netcong strongly urges the Legislature to permanently extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards prior to the April 1, 2014 sunset; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a that a copy of this duly adopted resolution be forwarded to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, the legislators of the Township of Long Hill, State Legislative representatives, Governor Chris Christie, municipalities in Morris and Sussex Counties and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

**RESOLUTION 14-085
AUTHORIZE WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2015**

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

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 therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill 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 2015 (July 1 2014 – June 30, 2015) in the amount of:

DEDR:	\$9,537.00
Cash Match	\$2,384.25
In-Kind	\$7,152.75

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**RESOLUTION #14-086
Tax Payment Refund B. 12806, L. 20**

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 to: Ocwen Loan Servicing, Refund Dept., P.O. Box 961219, Ft. Worth, Texas 76161 due to duplicate payment on Block 12806 Lot 20 owned by Manuel & Patricia Caamano in the amount of \$4,469.48 for 1st quarter tax 2014 as this is a non-escrow account.

**RESOLUTION 14-087
REDEMPTION OF TAX LIEN [B.12203 L. 41]**

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 the Redemption of Tax Title Lien # 1273 for Block 12203 Lot 41 dated 11/27/2012 in the amount of \$30938.78 and refund of premium paid in the amount of \$9500.00 to: Pro Capital I, LLC.,US Bank TLSSG, 50 S. 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

**RESOLUTION 14-088
AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES MANGIN TO ASSIST WITH BUDGET AND
FINANCE MATTERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize an agreement with James Mangin to assist the Township with it's budget/financial matters for \$67.50/hr., part time as needed, until a fulltime CFO is hired.

**RESOLUTION #14-089
Tax [B.11202, L. 23]**

WHEREAS: This parcel has been deeded to the Township by the Estate of Wilhelm by deed;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby relieve the Tax Collector from the collection of taxes for the year 2013 4th quarter in the amount of \$ 4527.11 and the 1st quarter of 2014 in the amount of \$2263.56 for Block 11202 Lot 23.

**RESOLUTION # 14-090
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NJHTS
MOBILIZATION 2014 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT MOB-DDC-
2014-Long Hill Township-00064**

WHEREAS, Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America's roadways. In 2012 alone, 3,328 people were killed in distracted driving crashes. An estimated 421,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. This was a nine percent increase from the estimated 387,000 people injured in 2011.

WHEREAS, Distracted driving is any activity that diverts a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. But, because using a hand held cell phone while driving or sending text messages requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, they are by far the most alarming distraction.

WHEREAS, April is National Distracted Driver Month, which is a time to remind New Jersey motorists of the state's distracted driving laws, which include a ban on hand-held cell phone use and text messaging by all drivers and a ban on all cell phone use (hand held or hands free) by novice drivers.

WHEREAS, From April 1-21, 2014, police officers, on an overtime basis, will conduct special enforcement patrols targeting distracted drivers. The patrols will consist of roving patrols and fixed checkpoints.

WHEREAS, The goal is to reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities in the state with a distracted driver contributing cause by five percent from the 2010-2012 calendar base year average through targeted distracted driving enforcement and education during the 2014 *Distracted Driving Crackdown.*

WHEREAS, This federally-funded grant project consists of an enforcement overtime campaign from **April 1 through April 21, 2014**. The project is designed to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving, to offer deterrence through visible enforcement, and to issue summonses for relevant motor vehicle violations. The grant will pay for **100** hours of overtime enforcement during the crackdown period, with a maximum rate to be reimbursed of **\$50 per hour**. The 100 overtime hours will be used for roving patrols and checkpoints.

WHEREAS, This is a **reimbursement grant**. Participating departments will incur all costs and then submit the necessary documentation to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for reimbursement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the county of Morris, State of New Jersey, wishes to file an application and endorses such application with the State of New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety and designates Alexis Ciambriello, Grant Coordinator for Long Hill Township Police, to ensure that the application is properly filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Announcements/Correspondence:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Remarks and Statements Pertaining to Any Matter

ADJOURNMENT

