

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Mayor Rae read the following statement:

**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 Echoes Sentinel and posted in the January 15, 2015 edition, and electronically sent to the Courier News and posted in the January 9, 2015 edition. The notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 6, 2015 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."

Mayor Rae opened the PUBLIC MEETING at 8:10 AM

All present recited the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Rae, Committeeman Dorsi, Committeeman Piserchia and Committeeman Schuler were present. Deputy Mayor Meringolo was absent.

Attorney Pidgeon attended the meeting via phone

**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: Committeeman Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #15-403 through #15-411 and #15-413 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

**RESOLUTION 15-403  
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.

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**RESOLUTION 15-404  
APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF 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 December 9, 2015 Township Committee Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the December 9, 2015 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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**RESOLUTION 15-405  
APPROVING ADVANCEMENT - Murray**

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Murray was appointed as a probationary laborer on June 15, 2015, per Long Hill Township Resolution 15-194; and

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**WHEREAS**, Mr. Murray successfully completed the 6 – month probationary period on December 15, 2015;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, upon the advice and recommendation of Tom Sweeney, Director of Public Works, does hereby approve the advancement of Patrick Murray to Truck Driver/Laborer Class 4, effective December 15, 2015 at an hourly rate of \$18.75.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this advancement is consistent with the Public Works Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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**RESOLUTION # 15-406  
Authorizing Redemption of Outside Lien - #1289  
[Block 12203, Lot 32.01]**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 12-3-14, a lien was sold on Block 12203, Lot 32.01, also known as 133 River Road for \$671.40; and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #1289, was sold to Pro Capital 5(Lien Holder) for \$671.40 and a \$500.00 premium; and

**WHEREAS**, Lereta, LLC (redeeming party) has effected redemption of Certificate #1289 in the amount of \$1,351.88,

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, all subsequent payment affidavit, if any, has been filed, and redemption monies has been received for redemption refund;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,351.88, payable to Pro Capital 5(Lien Holder) for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #1289

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$500.00 (premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

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**RESOLUTION # 15-407  
Authorizing Redemption of Municipal Lien - #1294  
[Block 11604, Lot 20]**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 12-3-2014, a lien was sold on Block 11604, Lot 20, also known as 294 Main Avenue for \$724.71; and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #1294, was struck to Township of Long Hill (Lien Holder) for \$724.71 and

**WHEREAS**, Millington Bank (redeeming party) has effected redemption of Certificate #1294 in the amount of \$2,107.17; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, all subsequent payment affidavit, if any, has been filed, and redemption monies has been received for redemption refund.

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to record the amount of \$2,107.17, payable to Township of Long Hill (Lien Holder) for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #1294.

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**RESOLUTION# 15-408  
Cancel Outstanding Checks**

**WHEREAS**, the following checks issued from the Township of Long Hill bank accounts have been outstanding for more than 6 months and are now stale-dated; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel the outstanding checks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Committee of the Township of Long Hill, the following outstanding checks issued from the Township of Long Hill bank accounts be cancelled:

**Current Fund**

CK#10382 -	\$45.55
CK#10547 -	\$200.00

**Payroll Account**

CK#28401	\$232.36
Ck#28448	\$22.64
Ck#28463	\$382.19
CK#28960	\$327.50
CK#29203	\$368.42
CK#29258	\$119.34
CK#29538	\$98.07
CK#29596	\$426.08
CK#30298	\$1.40

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**RESOLUTION 15-409  
CERTIFYING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE STIRLING  
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that **JORDAN CASTENS** is a Junior Member of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1.

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**RESOLUTION # 15-410  
Cancellation of Grant Receivables and Appropriated Reserves**

**WHEREAS**, there is a Grant Receivable and Appropriated Reserve balance that is open and in need of cancellation; and

**WHEREAS**, said grant is for Shade Tree Challenge Grant in the amount of \$3,000 and all payments in relation to this grant are not obtainable.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to cancel the above stated Grant Receivable and Appropriated Reserves.

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**RESOLUTION #15-411 - *revised*  
AUTHORIZING MILLINGTON AND STIRLING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY TO JOINTLY  
APPLY FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT (AFG) THROUGH THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government through the Department of Homeland Security has announced the filing period for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FY 2015),

**WHEREAS**, Millington Volunteer Fire Company and Stirling Volunteer Fire Company would like to jointly submit a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase various fire protective equipment,

**WHEREAS**, the estimated total cost of those equipment are \$426,255, with a required minimum of not less than 5% cash match by the township,

Total estimated cost: \$426,255  
Township (Minimum Local Cash Match 5%): \$20,298  
Federal Funding Assistance (Grant Award): \$405,957

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Millington and Stirling Volunteer Fire Company are hereby authorized to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase various fire protective equipment with the total estimated cost of \$426,255.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED** the minimum 5% cash match \$20,298 will be provided through the Capital Improvement Fund,

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**RESOLUTION #15-413  
AMENDING TOWNSHIP PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Township Code Section 11-2 provides that:  
“Rules and regulations applicable to Township parks and recreational facilities may be adopted by the Township Committee by resolution. Those rules and regulations are incorporated herein by reference and are enforceable pursuant to [Township Code] Section 11-3 . . . .”; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Code Section 11-3 provides that:

“Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, including any rules and regulations adopted by the Township Committee by resolution pursuant to Section 11-2 . . . ., shall be liable to the penalties stated in Chapter I, Section 1-5 of [the Township Code]; and

**WHEREAS**, paragraph 13 of the Rules and Regulations currently provides that:

*13. Dogs are permitted at Riverside Park, Meyersville Field, and throughout Hick's Tract. They are to be kept under control as not to create a hazard or cause harm to any others in the park or recreation area. Dogs are not permitted on the playing fields or any marked recreational area such as the horseshoe pits, tennis courts, basketball courts or the playgrounds at Riverside Park and Meyersville Field/Park.*

**WHEREAS**, the Rules and Regulations need to be amended to reflect the fact that Riverside Park has been renamed Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park; and

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**WHEREAS**, the construction of the turf fields at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park has made it even more important that dogs be kept under the control of the owner so as to not damage the turf;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-2 of the Township Code, as follows:

1. The Long Hill Township Recreation Department Park Rules and Regulations, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby amended as indicated, effective immediately.
2. These park rules and regulations shall remain in full force and effect until further action of the Township Committee.
3. In accordance with the provisions of Section 11-3 of the Township Code, any person who violates any of these rules and regulations shall be liable to the penalties stated in Section 1-5 of the Township Code.
4. The Township Recreation Director, in her discretion, may post copies of relevant sections of these rules and regulations at the various Township Parks and Recreation Facilities.
5. The Director of Public Works is hereby directed to install signs at the Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park putting park patrons on notice that dogs must be kept on a leash at all times and are not permitted on the playing fields, including the new turf field. The signs should cite Township Code Section 11-3 and warn park patrons that they may be subject to penalties for violation of the ordinance.
6. RESOLUTION 15-400 adopted December 9, 2015 is hereby deemed void *ab initio*.

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**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:** There were no reports at this time

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- Community Rating System – with possible approval by resolution  
Administrator Henry explained the rating system program which had been tabled since March 2015. A short discussion ensued. The change would take approximately one year, before the rates would be affected for residents.

**RESOLUTION #15-412  
APPOINTING A COMMUNITY RATINGS SYSTEM COORDINATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill and most of its residents are situated in a flood zone; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA has developed a rating system program that can reduce the price of flood insurance in some areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee wishes to participate in this program, in an effort to lower the cost of flood insurance for the residents of the township.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Township Engineer, Paul Ferriero PE, CFM, is hereby appointed the Community Ratings System Coordinator for the Township of Long Hill.

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**MOVED** by: Committeeman Piserchia of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #15-412 be approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Schuler. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

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There was no OLD BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS at this time

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

- Parking Passes are still on sale; however, Gillette has sold out
- Dog License Renewals are due by January 31 per state law. Rabies must be current thru Nov. 1, 2016. There is a FREE Rabies Clinic on Saturday, January 9, from 10 AM – Noon at the Bernards Township Public Works Garage , 277 S. Maple Ave in Basking Ridge (for dogs and cats)

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No public Comments were made

As there was no further business to discuss, Committeeman Piserchia made a motion to adjourn. Committeeman Schuler seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

Approved January 13, 2015