

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 25, 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."

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #15-110  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, that the Township Committee of Long Hill Township meets in closed session to discuss the following matters:

Potential Litigation

- DeMaio Electrical
- Batista Update

Property Acquisition:

- Kurz Property update
- Eberle property
- American Legion

Personnel:

- OEM/PD Admin. Asst. Replacement

Attorney / Client

- Escrow Exception Request

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 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.

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Schuler of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #15-110 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

Mayor Rae opened the PUBLIC MEETING at 7:34 PM.

All present sited the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

Mayor Rae conveyed his sympathy to the family of David Bird. Mayor Rae thanked the Long Hill Township Police department and Chief Michael Mazzeo for their tremendous efforts in searching for Mr. Bird over the course of the last year that he had been missing.

Mayor Rae presented the following PROCLAMATION to the Knights of Columbus:

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is a religious fraternal service organization dedicated to serving one's community and family with virtue. During 2013 the Knights of Columbus raised and donated more than \$170 million to charitable needs and projects. Volunteer service hours to charitable causes by Knights grew to 70.5 million 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, according to Independent Sector, the time donated by Knights to charity was worth more than \$1.6 billion and provided more than 673 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives; and*

*WHEREAS, the St. Damien Council No. 6575 in Stirling was chartered in 1974 with its primary goal to support the community in as many ways as possible. The community service events included a Tootsie Roll Drive for Arc and the Special Olympics, Thanksgiving & Easter food drives for needy families in Paterson, recognition of Eagle Scouts, hosting of Blood Drives, and running youth oriented activities such as spelling bees and free throw contests.*

*WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus in celebration of 40 years of service, and the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in honor of that milestone would like to recognize 3 of charter members who are still active in the council and reside in the Township of Long Hill;*

*Peter J. O'Neill*

*Past State President of the New Jersey Ancient Order of Hibernians, President of O'Neill, Knapp & Associates and a deacon at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Stirling.*

*Joseph Connolly*

*Member of the Senior Citizens of Long Hill Township and a Past Grand Knight of the council.*

*Dr. John Murray*

*Faculty member in the Department of Natural Science at Middlesex County College.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey and on behalf of the residents of the Township of Long Hill on March 25, 2015 we hereby recognize and congratulate the Knights of Columbus and these three outstanding members of our Community.*

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### **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 Pischerchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #15-098 through #15-105, #15-107 through 15-109 are hereby approved.

**SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

### **RESOLUTION 15- 098**

#### **GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF STIRLING LAKE FOR THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TROUT FISHING DERBY AND APPROVING THE TOWNSHIP'S SUPPORT TO CO-SPONSOR THE DERBY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby grant permission for the Policemen's Benevolent Association to hold their Annual Trout Fishing Derby at Stirling Lake on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and approving the Township's support to Co-Sponsor the derby.

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**RESOLUTION 15-099  
CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH MILLINGTON 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 Millington Volunteer Fire Company and is eligible to be a member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association:

Daniel L. Pepe

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**RESOLUTION 15-100  
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 15-101  
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 March 11, 2015 Township Committee Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the March 11, 2015 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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**RESOLUTION 15-102  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning & Zoning Administrator, Board Engineer, Board Attorney, Township Planner have certified that there are no outstanding invoices and have approved the release of the following escrows.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, that appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the following escrows as per N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1.

**Developer's Escrow**

Restore Meyersville, LLC	\$2,852.83
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**RESOLUTION #15-103  
EQUIPMENT DONATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill has the following vehicles that are now non-operational and no longer useable;

1999 Ford 4-door Model P71                      ID# 2FAFP 71W31 X1655 83  
2001 Ford 4-door Model CRV                      ID# 2FAFP 71W8X X1940 84

**WHEREAS**, offering these vehicles for public auction on GOVDEALS.com on two occasions has not solicited any bids or interest for the sale of these vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stirling Fire Company and the Millington Fire Company have expressed an interest in acquiring these vehicles for training purposes for fire rescue and has requested that these vehicles be donated for the sole purpose of training as follows;

1999 FORD P71 to Millington Fire Company  
2001 FORD CRV to Stirling Fire Company

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that these vehicles be donated to the Stirling Fire Company and Millington Fire Company for training purposes only.  
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**RESOLUTION # 15-104**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF GOVERNMENT ENERGY**  
**AGGREGATION PROGRAM AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric and natural gas utility markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a governmental energy aggregation program ("GEA Program") to purchase electric generation service and natural gas pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, *N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq.* ("Act") and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' implementing rules at *N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq.* ("Rules") will increase competition for the provision of electric power and natural gas to residential and non-residential electricity and gas ratepayers, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates and natural gas rates for these users without causing an interruption in service; and

**WHEREAS**, under a GEA Program the residential ratepayers may have the opportunity to receive a direct reduction in their electric bills through the bulk purchase of energy from a third-party energy supplier; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the Township of Long Hill on February 25, 2015, Ordinance #346-15, the Township of Long Hill publicly declared its intent to commence a GEA Program by participating in the MORRIS AREA ENERGY COOPERATIVE ("MAEC"); and

**WHEREAS**, the BOROUGH OF WHARTON is the Lead Agent for the "MAEC" program and shall accept or reject pricing on behalf of the Cooperative and its participant members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill, as a participating member of the "MAEC" program hereby agrees to proceed with the program, by signing the Supplier Agreement, should the BOROUGH OF WHARTON accept pricing, which provides a minimum of five (5)% savings, on the supply portion of the electric bill for the residential energy aggregation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOROUGH OF WHARTON appointed CONCORD ENERGY SERVICES ("CES") for the "MAEC" to serve as Energy Agent to assist and administer the GEA program at no cost to the Borough or "MAEC" participating members; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

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The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer or other municipal officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Township of Long Hill, any documents necessary to carry out the purpose this Resolution providing a minimum of five (5) % savings is achieved.

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**RESOLUTION 15-105  
AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE FOR  
St. Vincent de Paul CARNIVAL EVENT**

**WHEREAS**, Long Hill Township Code Section 155.3 (d) permits no more than (12) twelve signs, Township-wide for any special event; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Vincent de Paul Church will be sponsoring their annual Carnival event on May 27 through May 30, 2015 in the Township of Long Hill as per their Special Event Application # S-15-03; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Vincent de Paul Church has requested permission to erect up to (40) forty ground signs in order to notify residents of the upcoming event; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill hereby authorizes St. Vincent de Paul Church for their May 27 – 30, 2015, special event to erect up to 40 (forty) grounds signs with the understanding that the sponsor will abide by all other regulations in Section 155 titled “Signs”.

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**RESOLUTION 15-107  
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE  
[Watchung Mountain Chapter AACA]**

**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 15-06 for the event to the “Sponsor” Watchung Mountain Chapter AACA, for their Special Event to be held April 12, 2015, at the Long Hill Community Center, from 6:30 AM – 3:00 PM.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Police Department has determined that police services are not required for this event and the request to use the DPW parking lot for spectator parking only is hereby granted.

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**RESOLUTION 15-108  
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE  
[LONG HILL TOWNSHIP BASEBALL ASSOCIATION]**

**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 15-05 for the event to the “Sponsor” Long Hill Township Baseball Association, for their Special Event to be held 9:00 AM on April 18, 2015. Opening Day Parade starting on Bay Street; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Police Department has determined that police services are not required for this event.

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**RESOLUTION 15-109  
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE & FIREWORKS –  
LONG HILL TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE**

**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 15- 04 for the “Family Picnic/Championship Day” to the “Sponsor” Long Hill Township Little League, for their Special Event to be held on June 6, 2015, 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Little League Complex on Poplar Drive; (Rain date June 13, 2015) and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee hereby authorizes the Long Hill Township Little League to conduct their annual fireworks on June 6, 2015 at the Long Hill Township League Complex during the event contingent that all necessary permits are approved;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Long Hill Township Little League is not responsible for funding police services for this event as per Township Code 4-6.5A.

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**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

Committeeman Piserchia announced that Ken Fullagar will be retiring June 1<sup>st</sup> and noted that Mr. Fullagar was responsible for the \$900,000 reimbursement the Township received from FEMA for Hurricane Sandy damages.

Committeeman Piserchia also invited anyone who wanted to attend the Morris County League of Municipalities Dinner at the Primavera on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Clerk for registration information and pricing. Mayor Nick Platt from Harding Township will be speaking about the potential Jetport that is now the Great Swamp.

Committeeman Piserchia also reported that the Planning Board has rejected ORDINANCE #345-14 AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCE BY CREATING A NEW ZONING DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE RECREATION DISTRICT (“REC”). The Planning Board is preparing a resolution of such to present to the Township Committee.

Committeeman Dorsi reported that DPW has been diligently repairing pot holes thru-out the township.

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- Financial Disclosures – The Clerk reminded the Committeeman that on line filing with the State of New Jersey is required during the month of April. Shade Tree Commission, Library Trustees, Board of Adjustment, Planning Board and many of the confidential employees of the Township are required to file. The Clerk will be sending out emails the first week of April with pin numbers to each person required to file.

- Morris County Historical Grant Application – Historical Preservation Advisory Committee Chairman, Carol Prasa addressed the Committee with regards to filing of the grant to complete the restoration project; continued maintenance of the Millington Schoolhouse, and future use options for the building. Committeeman Dorsi requested the possibility of an energy audit to keep monthly costs down. As there were no additional questions, or discussion, Mayor Rae asked for a motion to approve the Resolution 15-106 to authorize the grant application.

**RESOLUTION 15-106**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO FILE FOR MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND GRANT FOR MILLINGTON SCHOOLHOUSE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize the Township Clerk, Township Administrator and CFO to file for a Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$183,645.00 in grant funding and \$54,855.00 in local matching funds for the purpose of Interior Rehabilitation to the Millington Schoolhouse.

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #15-106 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Schuler

**ROLL CALL:** All in favor

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- Funding Request from the Long Hill Community Center – The Community Center is requesting funding for a new interior ceiling. Committeeman Piserchia volunteered to use his contacts in Trenton to look for grant options and future funding options.
- Ground Lease RFP – Verizon has proposed a ground lease for an equipment shed for \$1,500.00 per month to the Township. The Committee agreed to move forward with this by asking Mr. Henry to contact Verizon and start the process for the RFP. It was noted that the Planning Board would first have to approve the construction of the “shed” and there was also a noise issue concern.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Committeeman Schuler reported on the Visionary Advisory Committee meeting. They are still waiting for the Letter of Interpretation (LOI) from the DEP, before they can recommend anything to the Committee, but VAC would like to solicit ideas from residents and other committees/commissions. The use of “survey monkey” to distribute a survey to the residents had been discussed, as well as placing documentation on the website.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

- Egg Hunt at Matthew G. Kantor Park March 28
- FREE Tree Seedlings – April 18 at DPW yard 9:00 AM
- CERT Training classes start Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> and continue for 3 more Saturdays until May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Currently LHT has 80 active and there is a need for 100.
- Long Hill Community Shredding Day –April 25, 9:00 AM – Noon, DPW yard

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Remarks and Statements Pertaining to Any Matter

Don Farnell from Gillette has 3 issues

1. Town Hall building requires repairs and maintenance that is not currently being addressed
2. Tree removals without permits, per DEP regulations should be addressed by the Code Enforcement officer. *Mr. Henry will address the three locations, sited by Mr. Farnell with the code enforcement officer*
3. Karen Dietrich Drive should be completed. *Mr. Henry responded that the letter of credit for the original contractor has been presented to the bank for the Township to complete the job.*

Dennis Sandow from Millington

1. Agrees with Mr. Farnell that the Town Hall needs maintenance

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2. April 1 – Shoprite expansion opens
3. Videos of the meetings (Township Committee, Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment are now available on the Township's website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there were no more comments from the public and no additional business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Meringolo made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia to adjourn. Voice Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

Approved April 8, 2015