

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
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Mayor Meringolo 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 14, 2016 edition, and electronically sent to the Courier News and posted in the January 12, 2016 edition. The notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 5, 2016 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 Meringolo opened the PUBLIC MEETING at 7:32 PM

All present recited the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Reading of the minutes from the **1906** Township Committee Meeting by Cyndi Kiefer

Mayor Meringolo requested a voice vote to approve Library Trustee Appointments – Pam Klawitter and Lynette Schneider. Voice Vote: All in favor

Mayor Meringolo Welcomed Lyn Begraft – New Library Director

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**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #16-120 through #16-130 and Resolution 16-133 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

**RESOLUTION 16-120  
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - Tencza**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby accepts the resignation effective April 1, 2016 from Edward C. Tencza, Long Hill Township Fire Official. We wish Mr. Tencza the best of luck in his new venture.

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**RESOLUTION 16-121  
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 16-122  
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

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been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby authorize the Township Clerk to approve and sign the application and approve License Number S 16-06 for the event to the "Sponsor"

Long Hill Township Baseball Association, for their Special Event to be held 9:00 AM on April 9, 2016. 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 16-123  
APPROVE CONFERENCE REQUEST  
Chief of Police**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee approved Resolution 08-375 which requires Township Committee approval of all overnight conference requests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has received a request from Police Chief Michael Mazzeo to attend the Internal Association of Chiefs of Police at the San Diego Convention Center from October 15-18, 2016; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by**, the Long Hill Township Committee hereby approves the request of the Chief of Police to attend the Internal Association of Chiefs of Police Conference as outlined in his memo.

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**RESOLUTION 16-124  
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 9, 2016 Township Committee Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the March 3, 2016 Special Executive Session Meeting Minutes and the March 9, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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**RESOLUTION 16-125  
2016 FEE SCHEDULE  
Amendment 2**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following fees for 2016 for licenses and permits for the Township of Long Hill are hereby **REMOVED** from the Township's Resolution for Fees Schedule in order to correctly place in the Board of Health fee schedule and code book:

Food and Drink License

— Pharmacy	\$ 65.00
— Retail Food Establishment (under 2,000 sq. feet)	\$ 100.00
— Retail Food Establishment (2,000 – 5,000 sq. feet)	\$ 135.00
— Retail Food Establishment (5,000 – 10,000 sq. feet)	\$ 165.00
— Retail Food Establishment (over 10,000 sq. feet)	\$ 400.00
— Mobile Retail Food Establishment	\$ 110.00
— Temporary Retail Food Establishment	\$ 30.00

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<del>— Farmers Market</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>\$ 20.00</del>
<del>— Catering</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>\$ 110.00</del>
<del>— Re-Inspection Fee</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>\$ 100.00</del>
<del>— Late Fee (renewals only — after January 31<sup>st</sup>)</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>Double License Fee</del>
 Kennel License	 _____	 \$ 35.00
 Septic Applications		
<del>— New: Plan Review</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>\$ 500.00</del>
<del>— (Includes plan review and installation inspection)</del>		
<del>— Repair: Replacing existing components as is. (No Engineer required)</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>\$ 75.00</del>
<del>— Alteration: Changing components on an existing system. (Engineer required)</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>\$ 350.00</del>
 PERC/Soil Log:		
<del>— Permit to Conduct One Group of Soil Logs and</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>\$ 100.00</del>
<del>— Permeability Tests [witness per lot, per day]</del>	<del>_____</del>	

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**RESOLUTION 16-126  
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 16-08 for the event to the “Sponsor” Watchung Mountain Chapter AACA, for their Special Event to be held April 10, 2016, 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 16-127  
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 56**

**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 the license for the event to the “Sponsor” Boy Scout Troop 56, for their Special Event to be held on April 23rd, 2016 at Stirling Lake: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

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**RESOLUTION 16-128  
AUTHORIZING A SEWER CONNECTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON  
MERCER STREET (BLOCK 11601, LOT 15)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township is currently subject to a voluntary sewer ban; and

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**WHEREAS**, Mr. Nicolas Cocucca, the owner of property located on Main Ave and Mercer Street (Block 11601, Lot 15) has requested authorization to connect to the Township’s sanitary sewer system;

**WHEREAS**, the Township has adopted by reference the NJDEP sewer ban exemption criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-22.22; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 7:14A-22.22 provides in relevant part that:

“A sewer ban exemption may be granted for projects . . . if the proposed project will have a total projected flow of 600 gallons per day or less . . . [and] will be constructed and/or operated on a tax lot which was in existence prior to the effective date of the ban . . . and the proposed project does not require a sewer extension . . . .”; and

**WHEREAS**, the plans for the proposed residence which will be located at Main Ave and Mercer Street (Block 11601, Lot 15) meets those exemption criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 22-3.1 of the Township Code ordinance requires a connection fee of \$10,120 for new construction that is due and payable to the Township prior to the Construction Official issuing any building permits for the new residence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Mr. Cocucca are hereby granted permission to connect his property at Block 11601, Lot 15 to the Township wastewater treatment system upon payment of the \$10,120.00 connection fee in accordance with Section 22-3.1 of the Township Code.

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**RESOLUTION 16-129**  
**AUTHORIZING A SEWER CONNECTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON**  
**TORBERT ROAD (BLOCK 13508, LOT 12)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township is currently subject to a voluntary sewer ban; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Chris Hao, the owner of property located on 24 Torbert Road (Block 13508, Lot 12) has requested authorization to connect to the Township’s sanitary sewer system;

**WHEREAS**, the Township has adopted by reference the NJDEP sewer ban exemption criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-22.22; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 7:14A-22.22 provides in relevant part that:

“A sewer ban exemption may be granted for projects . . . if the proposed project will have a total projected flow of 600 gallons per day or less . . . [and] will be constructed and/or operated on a tax lot which was in existence prior to the effective date of the ban . . . and the proposed project does not require a sewer extension . . . .”; and

**WHEREAS**, the plans for the proposed residence which will be located at 24 Torbert Road (Block 13508, Lot 12) meets those exemption criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 22-3.1 of the Township Code ordinance requires a connection fee of \$10,120 for new construction that is due and payable to the Township prior to the Construction Official issuing any building permits for the new residence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Mr. Hao are hereby granted permission to connect his property at Block 13508, Lot 12 to the Township wastewater treatment system upon payment of the \$10,120.00 connection fee in accordance with Section 22-3.1 of the Township Code.

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**RESOLUTION 16-130  
AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF PART-TIME FIRE OFFICIAL FOR  
THE FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE - Bellamy**

**WHEREAS**, due to a resignation, there exists the need to fill the position of Fire Official in the Fire Prevention Office; and

**WHEREAS**, a candidate has been identified in the name of Craig Bellamy who has the education, certifications and experience necessary to fulfill the position requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Township Administrator, that Craig Bellamy be appointed as the Fire Official.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill as follows:

1. It does hereby appoint Craig Bellamy as Part-time Fire Official, without benefits in the Fire Prevention Office effective April 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.
2. The Fire Official shall be compensated \$31.62 per hour for a 13 hour week for a period of 6 months.

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**RESOLUTION 16-133  
CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR  
NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY  
[MINK]**

**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:

Nicholas W. Mink

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION #16-131  
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR TO PETITION THE MORRIS COUNTY  
BOARD OF TAXATION TO APPROVE AN ANNUAL REASSESSMENT  
FOR THE 2017 TAX YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill intends to implement an annual reassessment program; and

**WHEREAS**, this approach will allow the Township to proactively adjust property values each year based upon market conditions, which should result in a reduction of tax appeals; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee, in accordance with the recommendation of Township Tax Assessor Brett Trout, has determined that it is in the Township's best interests to pursue a property reassessment for the 2017 tax year to appropriately adjust property values to better reflect market values;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize Township Tax Assessor Brett Trout to petition the Morris County Board of Taxation to approve a real property reassessment for the 2017 tax year.

**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #16-131 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi, yes; Deputy Mayor Piserchia, yes; Committeeman Rae, yes; Committeeman Schuler, yes; Mayor Meringolo, no.

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**RESOLUTION #16-132**  
**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 24 of the Rules and Regulations currently provides that:

24. *While on Township property, feeding of wildlife is prohibited.*

***Stirling Lake Park***

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the changes to paragraph 24 through 29 are as follows:

24. Turf Field at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park

The synthetic turf field is for the intended use of Long Hill Twp. residents and those individuals/groups with a valid permit. NO sports drinks, soda, coffee, or beverage other than water permitted on the field. NO glass or metal beverage containers permitted. NO food permitted on field. NO seeds, nuts, gum or chewing tobacco. NO dogs or animals permitted on field. NO tent stakes. NO sharp objects that could pierce/damage turf. NO metal cleats or muddy footwear. NO golf practice. NO grilling, open flames, pyrotechnics or fireworks permitted anywhere in park. NO bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, hover boards, etc., permitted. NO unauthorized vehicles. ONLY authorized personnel shall move goals/field equipment.

25. While on Township property, feeding of wildlife is prohibited.

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Stirling Lake Park

26. Swimming is only permitted by members of the Lake. At Stirling Lake, access to the water and swimming are only permitted when a lifeguard is on duty. In the colder months, skating is permitted at Stirling Lake by Long Hill residents only when a safety signal is displayed.
27. Dogs are not permitted at the Stirling Lake Park.
28. Fishing is only permitted in the pond (with proper license) and not in the swimming area side of Stirling Lake.
29. The Stirling Lake Pavilion cannot be reserved during regular Stirling Lake swimming hours. Use of the pavilion is intended for all members of Stirling Lake during swimming hours.

**BE IT FURTHER 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. [Amended March 23, 2016]
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.

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #16-132 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Schuler. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

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Committeeman Dorsi excused himself from the meeting

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE #382-16**  
**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,250,000**  
**REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS,**  
**NEW JERSEY**

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** For the purposes stated in Section 2 of this refunding bond ordinance, negotiable bonds of The Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the “Township”), each to be known as “Refunding Bond” (with such other words incorporated in the title as may hereafter be determined), are hereby authorized to be issued, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,250,000 pursuant to Section 40A:2-51 et seq., of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey (the “Local Bond Law”).

**Section 2.** The purposes for which said bonds are authorized are as follows:

(a) To pay, fund or refund (i) \$3,925,000 aggregate principal amount of General Bonds of 2007 of the Township, dated February 15, 2007, and maturing on February 15 in each of the years 2018 to 2027, inclusive, and such other bonds of such issue as may be desirable, (ii) interest payable on said bonds to be refunded, if any, until the date or dates said bonds to be refunded mature or are to be redeemed and (iii) redemption premium, if any, payable on said bonds to be refunded.

(b) To pay the costs of issuance of such refunding bonds, including printing, advertising, accounting, financial (including underwriters’ discount, original issue discount, bond insurance premium, escrow agent, verification agent and rating agency expenses) and legal expenses, not exceeding \$100,000 (any excess thereof after application to such costs to be applied either to payment of the amounts referred to in section 2(a) hereof or to the payment of debt service on any bonds issued pursuant to this refunding bond ordinance).

**Section 3.** The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) Further provisions as to the refunding bonds authorized by this refunding bond



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ordinance shall be determined by subsequent resolution of the governing body of the Township, or the determination thereof shall be delegated by such resolution to the Chief Financial Officer or other official of the Township.

(b) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey (the "Director"), and such statement shows that, while the net debt of the Township determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is reduced by the amount of bonds to be paid, funded or refunded by the bonds authorized by this refunding bond ordinance (i.e., \$3,925,000), the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds provided for in this refunding bond ordinance by \$4,250,000, and the said obligations authorized by this refunding bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 4.** Said bonds shall recite that they are issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A, Municipalities and Counties, of the New Jersey Statutes.

**Section 5.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized and directed to file with the Director, within ten (10) days after the issuance of the said bonds, the documents required by the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30 - 2.5(b).

**Section 6.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this refunding bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 7.** This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final passage.

**NOTICE OF PENDING REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE**

The refunding bond ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, held on March 23, 2016. It will be considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held in the Municipal Building in said Township on April 13, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the offices of the Township Clerk in said Municipal Building to the members of the general public who shall request same.

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

A discussion ensued. Committeeman Schuler asked if CFO Len Ho could provide additional information on soft costs.

**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Ordinance 382-16 is approved on first reading with the Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for April 13, 2016. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Schuler. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi, was absent. Committeeman Rae, yes; Deputy Mayor Piserchia, yes; Committeeman Schuler, yes; and Mayor Meringolo, yes.

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**ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE # 378 -16**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE  
ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD (DRAFT CHECKLIST/FEE  
AND ESCROW REVISIONS)**

***STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Make minor corrections in the current Land Use Ordinance concerning the Land Use Application Checklist and the Schedule of Fee and Escrow Deposits.***

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has recommended certain changes to the Township Land Use Ordinance as outlined in a December 30, 2015 memorandum from Planning Board Planner, Kevin O'Brien, which will make minor technical corrections and remove some inconsistencies in the current Ordinance language;

**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 various sections of the Township Land Use Ordinance are hereby supplemented and amended as follows<sup>1</sup>:

**Section 1.** Section 167 entitled "Land Use Application Checklist" is supplemented and amended by adding a signature legend for "Certificate of Occupancy" to the other signature legends that are currently at the end of the checklist which is attached to Section 167 as Exhibit "A". (This is one of the legends required to be on plans (see checklist item #19).

**Section 2.** Items 21, 22 and 23 in Section 182 entitled "Schedule of Fee and Escrow Deposits" are amended to read as follows:

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<sup>1</sup>Additions in text indicated by underline; deletions by strikeouts.

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Item 21 “Each Use Variance: One and two family residential” should be “Use Variance: One and two family residential. One fee and escrow for all variances.”

Item 22 “Each Use Variance: Three and more residential” should be “Use Variance: Three and more residential. One fee and escrow for all variances.”

Item 23 “Each Use Variance: Nonresidential” should be “Use Variance: Nonresidential. One fee and escrow for all variances.”

**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, February 10, 2016, will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016** 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

Mayor Meringolo opened the public hearing on Ordinance 378-16, as there were no public comments, he closed the public hearing and called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 378-16.

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Ordinance 378-16 is hereby adopted on final hearing. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi, was absent. Committeeman Rae, yes; Deputy Mayor Piserchia, yes; Committeeman Schuler, yes; and Mayor Meringolo, yes.

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**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

Deputy Mayor Piserchia has asked for a joint meeting with the Shade Tree Commission and Environmental Commission to discuss the proposed Tree Ordinance. Shade Tree Commission has opened the annual Challenge Grant Program. Deputy Mayor Piserchia would like to bring in a Ash Tree expert to educate the community on the bore blight, and how this will impact the Ash trees in the township.

Mayor Meringolo announced that the Board of Education has hired a new superintendent, Dr. Edwin Acevedo. HPAC is moving forward with the bid for the final phase of the Millington Schoolhouse renovation.

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**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- Fair Housing Plan from the Planning Board – *this item was moved to executive session due to pending litigation.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Administrator Henry updated the Committee on the following projects:

- Carlton Road Project – should be completed by next week
- Main/Central Northfield Road Sidewalk project – work will begin after the school year is completed in June
- Newsletter – should be mailed to residents in April
- Turf lighting – are not inspected yet, once that is done, JCP&L will turn on the power, which is anticipated to be next week
- During the Turf construction, a pathway is damaged by Musco Lighting which they will fix
- Animal Control for Long Hill Township is up and running
- Scaled back changes by the architect for the Millington Schoolhouse have started and at no charge to the township, the project should be ready for bid in 2-3 weeks, with the project completed by the end of summer
- Mitchell Road Drainage Issue – applications for permits must be filed with DEP before moving forward
- 2 RFPs for Solicitations for Appraisals for the Wastewater System were drafted and given to the Wastewater Committee for review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Meringolo announced that Morris County has scheduled Valley Road for repairs and repaving for 2017. If the township plans to include bike lanes is to move forward, it needs to be done in 2016 and given to the County as soon as possible.

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

- Stirling Street Fair – Sunday, April 24, 2016
- Boy Scouts Flower Sale, Saturday April 30
- Town-wide Garage Sale sponsored by the ELKS May 7 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Gary Jenecke of Stirling asked how the new rules for the Park's turf field which were approved at this meeting will be enforced. Administrator Henry noted that cameras were also installed and that summons would be issued to violators of the new rules.

Dennis Sandow of Millington agreed that the Ash Tree blight was serious and could have a significant financial impact based on what had happened in the past in Pennsylvania.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #16-117  
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:

Property Acquisition:

- Eberle Property - update

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Personnel

- Fire Official Replacement

Contract Negotiations

- Land Diversion – Central Park

**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 Rae of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #16-117 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi, was absent. Committeeman Rae, yes; Deputy Mayor Piserchia, yes; Committeeman Schuler, yes; and Mayor Meringolo, yes.

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The Committee adjourned to Executive Session with no further public business at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

Approved April 13, 2016