

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
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Mayor Meringolo read the following statement at 6:45 PM

**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.”

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #16-159  
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
- 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 #16-159 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

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Mayor Meringolo opened the PUBLIC MEETING at 7:31 PM

All present cited the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

**GUESTS**

- Superintendent, Elizabeth C. Jewett, and Business Administrator, Timothy Stys presented the Watchung Hills Regional High School District 2016-2017 Budget to the Township Committee and the public.
- Valley Road Business District – Planning Board Chairman Alan Pfeil and Vice Chairman David Hands reviewed the draft of the Valley Road District with the Township Committee
- Future Search – Dr. E. Thomas Behr of the Master Plan Committee explained the premise and the expected end result of the Future Search Seminar scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Meringolo appointed John Bangs of Millington to the Environmental Commission for a 3 year term expiring 12-31-2018. Voice Vote: all in favor

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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 Dorsi of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #16-145, #16-146, and Resolution #16-151 through #16-157 are hereby approved.

**SECONDED** by: Committeeman Schuler. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor, with the exception of Resolution 16-152, from which Committeeman Dorsi abstained and Resolution 16-155, from which Committeeman Rae abstained.

**RESOLUTION 16-145  
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 16-146  
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 April 13, 2016 Township Committee Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the April 13, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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**RESOLUTION 16-151  
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 16- 07 for the “Family Picnic /Championship Day” to the “Sponsor” Long Hill Township Little League, for their Special Event to be held on June 11, 2016, 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Little League Complex on Poplar Drive; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee hereby authorizes the Long Hill Township Little League to conduct their annual fireworks on June 11, 2016 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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**RESOLUTION #16-152  
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**

Golden Terence B10512 L8.02 – App#15-01Z	\$3,315.75
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**RESOLUTION #16-153  
MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill wishes to honor our veterans with a Memorial Day Celebration, and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration will begin with a parade, from Mercer Street to Central School at 9:30 and be followed by refreshments at the Stirling Fire House until approximately 1:00 PM.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that the Township will co-sponsor the Memorial Day Celebration described above with the Stirling Fire Dept. All expenses for the celebration will be charged to the Township operating budget, not to exceed \$1,000.00

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**RESOLUTION 16-154  
WAIVE PERMIT FEES FOR ELKS/ EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks would like to install a NEW SIGN for their LODGE, located at 1138 Valley Road, Stirling, New Jersey of which the sign is part of an Eagle Scout Project by Robert Daly; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of this SIGN requires construction permits for the installation of said SIGN.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that all permit fees associated with this NEW SIGN be waived.

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**RESOLUTION 16-155  
Amending RESOLUTION # 16-141  
SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT [Millington Fire Company]**

**WHEREAS**, the Millington Fire Company has submitted an Alcoholic Beverage Control Application for a Special Permit for a Social Affair to be held ~~May 4, 2016~~ **May 21, 2016** to be held at the Millington Fire Station, 1891 Long Hill Road, Millington, New Jersey 07946; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has reviewed the application and has no objection to the granting of a special permit to be issued to the applicant to sell alcoholic beverages at the affair to be held on the date and premises noted, subject to, however, the following conditions:

1. The following individual will be the only person allowed to serve alcohol:

Brendan P. Rae, George Bott, Edwin F. Gerecht Jr., Joseph Franapfel and Mark Blajsa  
(Address's on file at Police Department)

2. The consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be restricted to the areas outlined in the map supplied with the application. No alcoholic beverages shall be possessed or consumed in any area not designated on this map.

3. No person under the age of 21 shall be served alcoholic beverages. The Millington Fire Company or its designee shall be responsible for verifying the ages of those patrons who wish to consume alcoholic beverages, issue wristbands, and monitor the area to prevent "hand offs."

4. No person assumed to be under the influence of alcohol shall be served, permitted to walk, or allowed to drive from the Millington Fire Station property or the designated area.

5. Only the persons listed on this summary will be permitted to serve alcoholic beverages.

6. Alcoholic beverages shall only be served and/or consumed between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on ~~May 4, 2016~~ **May 21, 2016**.

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

1. The Township Committee, the licensing authority of the municipality, has no objection to the granting of a special permit and consents thereto with the special conditions as outlined by the Chief of Police.
2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign the municipal certification on the application and forward it to the applicant.

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**RESOLUTION # 16-156  
Authorizing Redemption of Outside Lien - #15-0012**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 10-23-15, a lien was sold on Block 14202, Lot 12, also known as 151 Sherwood Lane for \$545.72; and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #15-0012, was sold to FWDSL & Associates LP (Lien Holder) for \$545.72 and a \$1,300.00 premium; and

**WHEREAS**, Corelogic (redeeming party) has effected redemption of Certificate #15-0012 in the amount of \$9,286.65; 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.

**NOW, THREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$9,286.65, payable to FWDSL & Associates LP (Lien Holder) for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-0012.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,300.00 (premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

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**RESOLUTION 16-157  
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY  
Nottingham Way/Dogwood Terrace**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, with the approval of the Long Hill Police Department and the Department of Public Works authorizes the Skyline Ridge Civic Association in Millington to hold a block party on Saturday, May 28, 2016, from 12:00 NOON until 11:59 PM in accordance with request letter dated April 19, 2016. The request includes blocking off a portion of Nottingham Way and Dogwood Terrace.

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**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE #384-16  
AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SEWER USER RATES AND  
AMENDING CHAPTER XXII OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "SEWERS"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey that Chapter XXII of the Township Code entitled "Sewers" is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 22-23 entitled "User Rates" & Section 22-24 entitled "Miscellaneous Provisions" are hereby amended to read as follows:

**22-23 USER RATES**

The following sewer service and usage fees are hereby established effective January 1, 2016, and shall remain in full force and effect until revised by ordinance duly adopted by the Township Committee:

- a. All sewer users shall be charged a service fee of **\$75** per year per unit.
- b. Sewer users that are metered shall be charged a sewer usage fee at the rate of ~~\$14.91~~ **\$15.05** per thousand gallons.
  1. The gallons used shall be the total water metered for the six (6) winter months preceding the billing year. By example, in the billing year of 2016, the gallons are determined from the six months January through April 2015 and November through December 2015. The months excluded are: May through October 2015.
  2. Water consumption figures for each user will be obtained from the water company servicing the premises or by the Township Sewer department if the meter is not serviced by the water company.
  3. If the meter is not read or incorrectly read for one or more months of the usage period as determined by the Sewer Utility Collector, the amount

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charged for those months shall be equal to the approximate average monthly usage among other billable months during the same period.

- c. Sewer Users that are not metered shall be charged a usage fee as follows:
  - 1. Residential units: **\$400.00** per unit
  - 2. Commercial or Industrial units: **\$525.00** per unit
- d. If a user has multiple water sources, the usage fee shall be the combined total of each source as specified in 22-23b if metered and 22-23c if unmetered. Only one service fee shall be applied.
- e. The Township Committee may require a water meter to be installed by any sewer user utilizing a well or other private water system at the property owner's expense.
- f. Each user who is a resident of this Township and who was sixty-five (65) years of age or older during the prior calendar year shall be entitled annually, upon submission of a claim on proper forms, to a deduction of fifteen (**\$15.00**) dollars from his or her sewer use charge as established hereinabove.

**22-24 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**22-24.1 Multiple Unit Properties.**

In the case of a building in single ownership having several stores, offices or residential units or a combination of stores, offices and residential units except for "accessory apartments," served by a common water meter, the annual charges paid shall be a service charge (subsection 22-23) for each individual store, office and residential unit plus the per thousand gallon charge (subsection 22-23) for the water use recorded by the common meter. (1967 Code § 76-6; Ord. No. 182-05 § 1; Ord. No. 279-11 § 4)

**22-24.2 Payment of Charges.**

The sewer service charge established and fixed herein shall be an annual charge for each calendar year. The charge for each residential unit and the basic charge for each nonresidential unit shall be payable in one (1) payment before the due date as specified in section 22-24.4 (1967 Code § 76-7; Ord. No. 182-05 § 1; Ord. No. 303-12)

**22-24.3 Proration.**

In the case of any unit, residential or business, or any other type of unit which is not connected to the sanitary sewer system during the entire year, the charge shall be prorated on a calendar year basis, and the unit shall be charged a sewer use charge for the entire month during which the connection is made. For the purpose of construing this article, the date of issuance of an occupancy permit on new construction of buildings shall be considered as the date of connection. (1967 Code § 76-8; Ord. No. 182-05 § 1)

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**22-24.4 Billing and Collection.**

a. The Sewer Utility Collector shall bill the owners of sewer property for the sewer service charge annually. Sewer use charges shall be due 30 days after sewer bills are mailed. In the event that the annual sewer charges are not paid as provided herein, the following provision of this article shall apply.

b. The charges hereby imposed shall be payable to the Sewer Utility Collector and shall draw the same interest from the time they become due as taxes upon real estate and shall be a lien upon the premises connected to the sanitary sewer until paid, and the Township shall have the same remedies for collection thereof, with interest, costs and penalties, as it has by law for the collection of taxes on real estate.

(1967 Code § 76-9; Ord. No. 26-94 § 5; Ord. No. 182-05 § 1; Ord. No. 303-12)

**22-24.5 Exemptions.**

There shall be no sewer service charge levied or collected from the Board of Education, volunteer fire companies, or first-aid squads. (1967 Code § 76-10; Ord. No. 182-05 § 1)

**22-24.6 Matters Not Affected.**

Nothing herein shall preclude the Township from requiring developers of property to install sewer lines at their own expense or from providing for construction of sewer lines by local improvement assessments. (1967 Code § 76-11; Ord. No. 182-05 § 1)

Section 2. 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 3. 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 4. 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, April 27, 2016 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 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

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Schuler of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Ordinance 384-16 is hereby approved on first reading. The Public Hearing and final adoption is scheduled for May 25, 2016. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

Committeeman Dorsi announced that the Department of Public Works is selling delivered- 6yds of mulch for \$100.00. They are expected to be sold out by mid-May. The DPW has been busy draining Stirling Lake to get it ready for it to open on Memorial Day. There is also a new recycling shed located at the DPW yard for tires and car batteries recycling. Permits to recycle the tires are available at Town Hall for \$2 per tire.

Mayor Meringolo announced that schools will be closed May 27, and the last day of school will be June 22.

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Capital Budget** – this will be introduced at the May 11, 2016 Township Committee meeting
- Drainage Project 701/703 Long Hill Road
- Install a mirror to make that intersection safer as well as installing signs on Mountain (South and North of the intersection) saying dangerous curve ahead).

**OLD BUSINESS / Administrator's Report:**

- The Township Newsletter submission deadline is next week
- Mr. Henry will have his recommendations for a new sub code official by next meeting
- Request for Reimbursements from FEMA for Winter Storm Jonas are being submitted
- New Jersey American Water repairs to Somerset, High, Pine and part of Maple are starting; Committeeman Schuler noted that the completion date of June 17<sup>th</sup> for High Street could interfere with the Stirling Lake opening on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Henry asked for suggestions as to where the pipes could be stored during the repair process.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

- Red Cross Community CPR Class Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
- Red Cross Community First Aid Class, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Registration is through Community Pass—all classes held at the Long Hill First Aid Squad

- Summer Camp Program Registration is open now through May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Stirling Lake Registration is open now—the Lake opens Memorial Day Weekend
- Memorial Day Parade begins 9:30am, Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Community Groups interested in marching in the parade should contact Lisa Scanlon, 908.647.8000 x219
- Community Shredding Day May 14<sup>th</sup> ...9 AM - Noon at Town Hall
- Free Stroke Screening At the Senior Wellness Center in Basking Ridge, May 18<sup>th</sup> call for reservations 908-204-2520
- Boy Scouts Flower Sale at Valley Mall this week end

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Comments and remarks will be limited to 3 Minutes

Ms. Force and Mr. Keeley, both resident of Gillette asked the Township Committee to consider having a dog park in Long Hill. A discussion ensued and both residents were instructed to send their recommendations for a possible future dog park to the clerk's office,



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Allison Deed from MARDOG (Morris Area Responsible Dog Owners Group), a non-profit organization to help promote dog parks, spoke about her organization and how they assist municipalities that want to have a dog park, with fund raising events and possible grants availability

Mr. Sandow thanked everyone that helped make the Stirling Street Fair such a success.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no additional business to discuss, Committeeman Rae, seconded by Committeeman Schuler made a motion to adjourn. Voice Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned a 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

Approved May 11, 2016