

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 sent to the Echoes Sentinel and Courier News on September 14th, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and on the Township Website. 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 10:00 AM

All present cited the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Dorsi, Deputy Mayor Piserchia (via call-in), Committeeman Rae, Committeeman Schuler (via call-in), Mayor Meringolo were. Attorney John Pidgeon (via call-in), Administrator Neil Henry and Township Clerk Deborah Brooks were also present.

There were three members of the public present.

Mayor Meringolo apologized for the cancellation of the September 14th meeting due to a lack of quorum and noted that the Committee would soon be amending the Administration Code of the Township in order to allow committee members to call-in to the meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Meringolo asked if there were any questions on the consent agenda items. In response to Committeeman Dorsi’s question, Mr. Neil noted the pricing discrepancy between the rejected bid and the accepted bid and the disqualification of Elite Demolition LLC. He confirmed the contract price includes removal, clean up etc. and that seven houses were to be demolished.

MOVED by: Committeeman Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolutions #16-253 through #16-262 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in Favor.

**RESOLUTION #16-253
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 #16-254
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE
[LORD STIRLING SCHOOL GREAT SWAMP DEVIL RUN]**

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-16-19 for the event to the "Sponsor" Lord Stirling School Run for the Great Swamp Devil Run Fundraiser to be held 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM on November 20, 2016; at the Lord Stirling School, 99 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

**RESOLUTION #16-255
APPROVING IN-GRADE ADVANCEMENT [Gelino]**

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 Police Chief Michael Mazzeo, does hereby approve the advancement of Acting Sergeant Chris Gelino to Sergeant Grade III effective retroactively to August 15, 2016 at an annual salary of \$108,833.00.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-256
APPROVING IN-GRADE ADVANCEMENT [Roberts]**

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 Police Chief Michael Mazzeo, does hereby approve the advancement of Officer Grade IV John Roberts to Officer Grade III effective September 25, 2016 at an annual salary of \$84,169 .00.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-257
AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LONG HILL TOWNSHIP AND MORRIS COUNTY
– SALTING, SANDING, AND/OR PLOWING OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, NJSA 40A:65-1 et seq., local units may join together to provide authorized services for each other; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill and the County of Morris desire to join together in an agreement whereby the Township will perform on behalf of Morris County the required salting, sanding and/or plowing operations of designated portions of the County road system within the Township of Long Hill for rates outlined in the agreement; and

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 the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement between Long Hill Township and the County of Morris effective on the date of October 15, 2016 through April 15, 2017

**RESOLUTION #16-258
AWARDING CONTRACT FOR FLOOD BUY-OUT DEMOLITION TO
ARMSTRONG INC.**

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WHEREAS, seven bids for the demolition of the flood buy-out properties were received by the Township Administrator on July 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bid in the amount of \$84,300.00 was submitted by Elite Demolition, LLC of Paterson, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Elite Demolition, LLC is disqualified because it was debarred on July 14, 2016, by the Division of Property Management and Construction in the New Jersey Department of the Treasury for a period of five years for a construction wage & hour violation; and

WHEREAS, the second low bid in the amount of \$138,500.00 was submitted by Armstrong Inc. of Millington, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Armstrong Inc.'s bid also included unit prices for each of the subject properties; and

WHEREAS, Township Administrator Neil Henry has recommended that the contract be awarded to Armstrong Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the governing body agrees with the recommendation of the Township Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5, has certified that sufficient funds are available to cover the full cost of the contract;

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 bid of Elite Demolition LLC is hereby rejected on the ground that it has been debarred.
2. The contract for the demolition of the flood buy-out properties is hereby awarded to Armstrong Inc. in accordance with the bid specifications and its bid dated July 27, 2016.
3. Armstrong Inc. shall be paid the unit price for each property after the

demolition of that property is completed to the satisfaction of the Township.

4. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract for the demolition of the flood buy-out properties in accordance with the bid documents.

5. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to return the bid bonds or certified checks to the unsuccessful bidders.

6. The Township Clerk is also authorized and directed to return the bid bond or certified check of Armstrong Inc. upon receipt of a fully executed contract and all other required documents.

7. This contract will be properly charged to the Open Space Trust Fund.

**RESOLUTION #16-259
APPROVE CONFERENCE REQUEST
NJ League of Municipalities**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee approves Resolution08-375 which requires Township Committee approval of all overnight conference requests; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received a request from the Township Clerk to attend the NJ League of Municipalities Conference on November 15, 16 & 17, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , the Long Hill Township Committee hereby approves the request of the Township Clerk, Deborah Brooks to attend the NJ League of Municipalities Conference as outlined in her memo.

**RESOLUTION #16-260
Authorizing Redemption of Outside Lien - #1291**

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 12/3/2014, a lien was sold on Block 13508, Lot 6, also known as 105 Gates Avenue for \$151.31; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #1291, was sold to Pro Capital (Lien Holder) for \$151.31 and a \$0.00 premium; and

WHEREAS, Nationstar Mortgage (redeeming party) has effected redemption of Certificate #1291 in the amount of \$1,041.14; 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, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,041.14, payable to Pro Capital (Lien Holder) for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #1,041.14

**RESOLUTION #16-261
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 August 17, 2016 Township Committee Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the August 17, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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RESOLUTION 16-262
FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE
MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill is a member of the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2016 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Township of Long Hill agrees to renew its membership in the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a three (3) year period, beginning January 1, 2017 and ending January 1, 2020 and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverage, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Governing Body shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS: No Reports.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS: No Discussion/Action Items

OLD BUSINESS / Administrator's Report:

- At the 8/17/2016 meeting the Township Committee approved the Valley Road Condemnation/Redevelopment area. As was required, approval was sought and received by the Commissioner of Community Affairs. The next step is notification to property owners.
- Last year the entire town was reassessed. This year 25% of the town will be reassessed and the valuation of the properties will be based on this 25%, or about 800 homes.
- A contract has been awarded for an evaluation of the Wastewater Facility.
- The new time for the closing of the Time Capsule has been set for September 30th at 10:00 AM.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business at this time

Announcements/Correspondence: None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Remarks and Statements Pertaining to Any Matter/Comments and remarks will be limited to 3 Minutes

Chuck Arentowicz asked for an update of the Process Improvement Committee. Mayor Meringolo noted that the process was moving forward. The Board wanted to give the newly appointed Planning/Zoning coordinator some time to get herself acclimated and the Mayor expected them to schedule their next meeting before the holidays. Additionally Mr. Arentowicz asked for an update on the negotiations for gaining access rights on Valley Road near the Walgreens. As per Attorney Pidgeon, negotiations are ongoing and results will be made public as soon as there is an agreement.

Jim Moscetti asked for an update on the plans to sell the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Meringolo noted that they were in the process of having the plant evaluated and leaning toward selling the plant. In response to Mr. Moscetti's question, Mayor Meringolo noted that the RFP would be structured to insure that rates are locked in for a certain period of time and that the bigger providers such as American Water would defray costs of repair and maintenance over the entire rate base of the company. Once the RFP's come back, the question will come up as a referendum. Mr. Henry will get back to Mr. Moscetti in response to his question about the Township replacing the tree that had been removed from Mr. Moscetti's property because it was unsafe. Additionally, Mr. Moscetti asked if Committeeman Rae, who sits on the Planning Board, also votes on issues from the Planning Board that come before the Township Committee. Mr. Rae answered in the affirmative. Lastly, Mr. Moscetti asked the Township Committee to be sure to do their due diligence in researching the possible social and economic effects of building a transit village in Millington.

Committeeman Dorsi asked for an update on the numerous water main breaks that had occurred in the last few weeks. Mr. Henry noted that some of the breaks had been due to poor mark outs by the utility company, some had arisen as a result of the aggressive water hydrant replacement program and the water main break on Somerset street had occurred because the main was not on the map. Mr. Henry praised the OEM and DPW staff for their constant

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presence and communication during these events. A representative from NJ American Water will be giving daily update reports as the ongoing replacement of the mains continues.

Deputy Mayor Piserchia said he would reach out to the representative at NJ American Water and see if they would be willing to come out to a future meeting and give the Committee an update.

ADJOURNMENT:

Committeeman Rae made a motion seconded by Committeeman Dorsi to adjourn the meeting. Voice Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

Approved: September 28, 2016