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 June 23, 2016 edition, and electronically sent to the Courier News and posted in the June 22<sup>nd</sup> edition. The notice was posted on the township website and bulletin board in the Municipal Building on June 20, 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 #16-263 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:

Land Diversion Update – Central / Passaic Park

#### Litigation:

DeMaio Electrical

#### Personnel:

• DPW Retirements/Replacements

#### Attorney/Client Privilege

- American Legion Post 484/MTI Integrated Partnership Proposal
- Mt. Laurel Fair Housing Litigation

**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 Piserchia of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #16-263 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor, Committeeman Schuler was absent.

Mayor Meringolo opened the Public meeting at 7:35 PM

All present cited the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### PRESENTATION: Recognition of Accreditation

Harry Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager of NJSACOP made a presentation to the Long Hill Police Department for having met the stringent standards set by the NJSACOP for attaining

accreditation. Mr. Delgado noted that there are 470 police agencies in New Jersey eligible for applying for accreditation but only 162 pass the rigorous process to achieve the accreditation and very few with the high levels of success shown by the Long Hill PD. The Committee congratulated Chief Mazzeo, Lieutenant Naga and Officer Ciambriello on this excellent accomplishment.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Meringolo read the proclamation supporting Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #16-264 through #16-273 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: All in favor with the contracted value in Resolution 16-273 being amended from \$45,700 to \$10,000.

## RESOLUTION #16-264 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 #16-265**

## 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:

- Joseph Fronapfel
- Peter Bott
- Alex Sibilla

## RESOLUTION #16-266 APPROVAL OF <u>2017</u> TRAIN STATION PARKING FEES

**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 are the fees for the 2017 Train Station Parking Permits of the Township of Long Hill:

Millington Train Station	Yearly \$230.00	After July 1 <sup>st</sup> \$115.00
Stirling Train Station	Yearly \$280.00	After July 1 <sup>st</sup> \$140.00
Gillette Train Station	Yearly \$330.00	After July 1 <sup>st</sup> \$165.00

Daily (Millington Only) \$ 5.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township shall sell 150 parking permits for Millington Train Station, 65 parking permits for Stirling Train Station and 140 parking permits for the Gillette Train Station. Sale date is scheduled for Monday, **December 5, 2017.** 

Station. Sale date is solieduled for Monday, December 3, 2017.

# RESOLUTION #16-267 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill authorizes the Township Administrator to enter into a Renewal Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative pricing Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" for the conduct of certain functions relating to the purchase of work materials and supplies for their respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Renewal" Cooperative Pricing Council Resolution of Long Hill Township; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(5), the Township Committee of Long Hill is hereby authorized to enter into a "Renewal" Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency or any other contracting unit with the County of Morris or adjoining counties for the purpose of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Township of Long Hill shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et-seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Renewal Cooperative Pricing Council resolution shall be effective October 1, 2016 and such membership shall be for the duration of five (5) years, expiring on September 30, 2021, unless the Lead Agency and the Division of Local Government Services, elects to withdraw.

**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 Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Renewal Cooperative Pricing Council Agreement.

# RESOLUTION #16-268 (Amending Resolution 16-035) DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES & SIGNATURES ON BANK ACCOUNTS

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that the following banks are hereby designated as depositories for funds for the Township of Long Hill for 2016 and checking accounts as indicated, shall be maintained as follows:

#### **Investors Bank**

Current Account
Federal / State Grant Account
Capital Account
Open Space Trust Account
Public Parking Enterprise Account
Recycling Trust Account
Other Trust Account
Unemployment Trust
Animal Trust Account

Law Enforcement Trust
COAH Trust
Payroll Account
Recreation Account
Clerk Account
Tax Account
Sewer Account
Credit Fee Account

#### **Bank of America**

**Escrows Account** 

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Committee that the following banks are hereby designated as depositories for saving funds and escrow accounts for the Township of Long Hill for the year 2016:

Millington Bank, Millington, N.J.
JPMorgan Chase Bank, Stirling, N.J.
Bank of America, Stirling, N.J.
New Jersey Cash Management Plan, Trenton, N.J.
PNC Bank, Stirling, N.J.
Peapack Gladstone Bank, Warren, N.J.
Investors Bank, Stirling, N.J.
TD Bank, Warren, N.J.
Santander Bank, Stirling, N.J.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all withdrawals against the foregoing accounts shall bear the signatures of the following officials of said Township: Chief Financial Officer, and Township Administrator. In the absence of the Chief Financial Officer or Township Administrator, the Mayor or Township Clerk may sign, and Assistant Treasurer may sign for the Payroll account.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event of illness or absence of the Township Administrator, Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Deputy Mayor or Township Clerk that two (2) of the required signatures will be sufficient for a ten (10) day period upon due notification to said banks.

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## RESOLUTION #16-269 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 September 20th, 2016 Township Committee Special Meeting.

## RESOLUTION #16-270 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - Desch

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee herby accepts the resignation effective September 30th, 2016 from Richard Desch, Long Hill Township Department of Public Works Utility Person Class Two. We wish Mr. Desch the best of luck in his retirement.

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#### **ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - Davis**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee herby accepts the resignation effective September 30th, 2016 from Joe Davis, Long Hill Township Department of Public Works Foreman, Equipment Operator, Truck Driver Class One. We wish Mr. Davis the best of luck in his retirement.

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# TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL RESOLUTION 16-272 APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE [Long Hill Township P.B.A Civic 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-16-20 for the event to the "Sponsor" Long Hill Township P.B.A Civic Association, for their "Pro Wrestling" Style Fundraiser to be held 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM on October 15, 2016; at the Long Hill Township Community Center, Warren Ave, Stirling NJ 07980.

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#### TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL RESOLUTION 16-273

## APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO KLEINFELDER EAST, INC. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township, by Resolution 13-170, adopted April 24, 2013, awarded a Professional Services Contract to Kleinfelder East, Inc. (formerly "Omni Environmental LLC") ("Kleinfelder") in accordance with its April 5, 2013 proposal to provide final design and NJEIFP (New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program) support services for the Township Wastewater System Improvements Project, at a cost not to exceed \$110,350; and

WHEREAS, DeMaio Electrical Company, Inc. ("DeMaio"), the general contractor on that project, has filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Morris County, at Docket No. MRS-L-1120-16, seeking damages in the amount of \$545,541.98 which it claims it is due for additional work it performed; and

**WHEREAS,** Kleinfelder has now submitted a proposal dated September 16, 2016 to provide litigation support services at an estimated cost of \$45,700; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.6 entitled "Change Orders for Professional Services . . . " provides in relevant part that:

"If the change is not within the scope of activities of the original contract and the contract was awarded without competitive bidding . . . as is the case for professional services . . . , any change beyond the original scope of activities shall be made by amendatory contract and approved by the governing body.";

and

WHEREAS, the Township needs the assistance of Kleinfelder to defend itself in the lawsuit brought by DeMaio; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has certified in writing the availability of good funds to pay the maximum amount of this contract; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township has a need to acquire these professional services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Kleinfelder has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure

Certification which certifies that Kleinfelder has not made any reportable contributions to a

political or candidate committee in the Township of Long Hill in the previous year and that the

contracts will prohibit Kleinfelder from making any reportable contributions through the term 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:

 An amendatory contract with Kleinfelder to provide litigation support services in accordance with its September 16, 2016 proposal, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, is hereby approved. TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

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2. The amendatory contract shall include all of the Township's usual requirements

regarding insurance, business registration, affirmative action, pay-to-play, etc. and shall

be in a form acceptable to the Township Attorney.

3. The Township Clerk, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), is

directed to publish a notice once in the official newspaper stating the nature, duration,

service and amount of this amendatory contract.

4. The Township Clerk shall make copies of this Resolution available for public inspection

at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey 07933, during regular

business hours.

5. This contract shall be charged to 01-2016-0020-0193-2-00277. The certification of

available funds by the Chief Financial Officer shall be attached to the original of this

Resolution and shall be maintained in the files of the Township Clerk.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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John R. Pidgeon, Township Attorney

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**RESOLUTION** - This Resolution was tabled until the October 12, 2016 meeting.

#### TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL RESOLUTION 16-274

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST A PREAPPLICATION CONFERENCE WITH GREEN ACRES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LANDS WITH PARTHENON REALTY, LLC

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill (the "Township") is the owner of Lot 3 in Block

11301; and

**WHEREAS,** Parthenon Realty, LLC ("Parthenon") is the owner of Lot 4 in Block 11301 and Lot 15 in Block 11401; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township and Parthenon have negotiated a proposed exchange of lands that will give the new Township park access to the traffic light at Plainfield Road; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township property was acquired with a combination of Green Acres funds, Morris County Open Space Trust funds and Township Open Space Trust funds; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Township must obtain the approval of Morris County, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the State House Commission for the exchange or it will be void and of no legal effect; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee has determined that the proposed diversion will fulfill a compelling public need by providing safe access to and from the new Township park and will thereby mitigate a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no feasible, reasonable and available alternative to the proposed diversion; and

**WHEREAS,** Green Acres regulations require that, prior to submitting an application for approval of a diversion of parkland, a local government unit must contact Green Acres to request information on the Department's rules pertaining to the proposed diversion of parkland and the related procedural requirements and to request a preapplication conference with Green Acres [minor diversions - N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.4; major diversions - N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.9];

**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:

- The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the attached Letter of Intent to exchange lands with Parthenon Realty, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto and which is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to request a preapplication meeting with Green Acres in accordance with the applicable regulations.
- 3. The Township Engineer is hereby authorized to perform any additional work accessary to file the request for a preapplication meeting. The Engineer's invoices shall be charged to the Township's Open Space Trust fund.

Approved as to Form and Legality

John R. Pidgeon,

Township Attorney

#### **ORDINANCES**

#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

#### TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL ORDINANCE # 389-16

SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER II OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" TO ALLOW TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ATTEND REGULAR MEETINGS BY TELE-CONFERENCE IF THE MEETING WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM

**Statement of purpose:** to allow members of the Township Committee to attend regular meetings by tele-conference in cases where there will not be a quorum of members attending in person.

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

**Section 1.** Subsection 2-3.2 entitled "Regular Meetings" is hereby supplemented and amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end of the existing paragraph:

"If it is determined that a regular meeting will have to be cancelled because of a lack of a quorum, members of the governing body may attend that regular meeting by tele-conference under the following conditions:

- a. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 4:10-8 et seq. are met.
- b. The member or members of the Governing Body attending the meeting by speaker phone can be heard by all other members of the Governing Body whether they are attending the meeting in person or electronically as well as members of the public attendance at the meeting.
- c. The member or members of the Governing Body attending the meeting by speaker phone are able to hear comments by other members of the Governing Body as well as members of the public.

If technological problems prevent participation by any members of the Governing Body who are not physically present at the meeting, the meeting shall be held without them as long as there is still a quorum present to conduct the meeting, or unless a majority of those present in person and by tele-conference vote to adjourn the meeting." For purposes of this ordinance, "tele-conference" means either video conference or telephone.

**Section 2.** Subsection 2-3.3 entitled "Special Meetings" is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **"2-3.3 Special Meetings.**

The Mayor or any two (2) members of the Township Committee may call special meetings, upon proper notice to all members of the Committee and the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. No item may be considered at a special meeting unless it was included in the agenda. No vote or action of the Committee shall be rescinded at any special meeting unless there be present at such meeting as many Committee members as were present at the meeting when such vote or action was taken.

In the case of special meetings which have been scheduled with less than ten (10) days notice, members of the Governing Body may attend that special meeting by telephone tele-conference under the following conditions:

- a. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 4:10-8 et seq. are met.
- b. The member or members of the Governing Body attending the meeting by speaker phone can be heard by all other members of the Governing Body whether they are attending the meeting in person or electronically as well as members of the public attendance at the meeting.
- c. The member or members of the Governing Body attending the meeting by speaker phone are able to hear comments by other members of the Governing Body as well as members of the public.

If technological problems prevent participation by those members of the Governing Body who are not physically present at the meeting, the meeting shall be held without them as long as there is a quorum present in person to conduct the meeting, or unless a majority of those present in person and by telephone teleconference vote to adjourn the meeting. For purposes of this ordinance, "teleconference" means either video conference or telephone."

- **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, September 28, 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, October 26, 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.

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR, Clerk

## OPEN Public Hearing CLOSE Public Hearing

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Ordinance 389-16 is hereby approved on first reading, with the public hearing scheduled for October 26, 2016. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. Committeeman Schuler absent.

#### ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

#### **ORDINANCE** #390-16

# AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW STOP INTERSECTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"

WHEREAS, the Traffic Section the Township Police Department in memoranda dated September 7, 2016 has recommended establishing additional stop intersections; and

WHEREAS, all of the recommended stop intersections are on totally self-contained municipal roads and therefore do not require NJDOT approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey that Chapter VII of the Township Code entitled "Traffic" is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 7-24 entitled "Stop Intersections" is supplemented and amended by adding the following intersections in alphabetical order:

#### **"7-24 STOP INTERSECTIONS**

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 39:4-140, the intersections described are hereby designated as stop intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein:

Intersection Stop Sign On

Daugherty Avenue and Mitchell Road

Daugherty Avenue

Milton Avenue and Mitchell Road

Milton Avenue

**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, September 28, 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, October 26, 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.

Deborah Brooks Township Clerk

**OPEN Public Hearing:** Mr. Tom Grosskopf, Milton Ave presented photos of the areas slated for stop signs and question the need for the Mitchell Road/Milton Avenue sign as the road curved at that point and people had to slow down almost to a stop there anyway. Mr. Roy Russen, Milton Avenue, supported the statements of Mr. Grosskopf. After a brief discussion the Township Committee decided to amend the proposed Ordinance by removing the Mitchell Avenue/Milton Avenue stop sign.

**CLOSE Public Hearing** 

**MOVED** by: Mayor Meringolo of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Ordinance 390-16 is hereby approved as amended with the removal of the Mitchell Road/Milton Avenue stop sign on first reading, with the public hearing scheduled for October 26, 2016.

<b>SECONDED</b> by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia.	ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor. C	Committeeman
Schuler absent.		

#### **COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

- Committeeman Dorsi thanked the residents for their continuing participation in the Cans and Aluminum drive supporting St. Barnabus.
- Committeeman Rae no report.
- Deputy Mayor Piserchia attended a program by the County regarding the Heroine/Opiate problem which is growing rapidly and very prevalent in the suburbs. October 6<sup>th</sup> is "Knock out Opiate Abuse Day", where door knocker flyers will be distributed around the County. He suggested we arrange to have the County do the program for the Long Hill Residents, perhaps in conjunction with the Library. The Committee directed Mr. Henry to follow up.

#### **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- Traffic Control Light at Gillette School Mayor Meringolo noted that a request had been made to address the speeding problem near Gillette School. There has been a request to the County for \$30,000 grant to get additional "cross control" methods on Valley Road.
- Tree Stump Removal In answer to Deputy Mayor Piserchia's question, Attorney Pidgeon clarified that after the DPW removes a tree the Township is under no obligation to remove the stump. Tom Sweeney, Director of DPW noted that they could contract out a stump removal company such as Tree King or purchase a "stump remover" truck attachment, however that was not in the budget for this year due to the excessive costs of tree removal from the Ash Bore Beetle problem that was decimating so many trees. Mr. Henry noted that a budget increase to address this problem would be considered in the upcoming 2017 budget meetings. Upon request from Deputy Mayor Piserchia, Attorney Pidgeon noted that if a Township owned tree falls on a residents property in a storm, it is considered an act of god and the Township is not liable. If there is notification of a dead limb and we did nothing about it then we could be liable. The Township does not have to take down a tree at a residents request.
- Recommended Ordinance Changes from the Planning Board and the Ordinance Subcommittee – Mayor Meringolo looked at the proposed Ordinance and noted he thought that the 100 sf max for a shed may be too small, that not covered decks get a 50% reduction lot coverage credit and should be 100% credit because not covered decks are not impervious and should not be counted in lot coverage, and finally that he thought summary minutes are sufficient. He directd the other Committee members to forward their comments to Ms. Brooks and she would forward them to the Planning Board for finalization and then the Ordinance could be put on an upcoming agenda for Introduction.
- Permanent Sign Ordinance Mayor Meringolo noted there are inconsistencies throughout the Ordinance and directed the Committeemen to forward their comments to Ms. Brooks and she would forward them to the Planning Board so the Planning Board could get an Ordinance on an upcoming Agenda for Introduction.
- Valley Road Sidewalk Grant/Mikes Music Mayor Meringolo noted that the a part of Valley Road, a portion of which would run through the Mike's Music building, which is

empty and owned by the Elk,s is on the 2017 schedule to be paved and possibly have a water main replacement. Discussion ensued and the Committee directed Mr. Henry to look into applying for a grant as they had done in the past and Attorney Pidgeon agreed with Committeeman Rae's statement that the Township should put Mike's Music on notice that the town is putting in sidewalks and see if they are willing to relinquish the cost of the demolition.

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

- The Wastewater Contract had been finalized with Remington &Vernick Engineering, Inc. and the starting date should be nailed down soon.
- The contract with Armstrong has been executed and the first two homes are scheduled for demolition next Monday and Tuesday, with the project scheduled for completion by the end of the year.
- The unfinished portion of the Schoolhouse renovation will be rebid shortly.
- Mr. Henry is looking for any new contribution to the newsletter.
- The Mitchell Road Drain project has awarded a bid to JTG Construction who came in under budget. The bid is currently being reviewed by the Engineer and will then go to Attorney Pidgeon for final review.
- Northfield, Main and Central sidewalk projects are still on hold due to the Executive Order from the Governor.
- There was a subcommittee meeting Tuesday on the Redevelopment of Valley Road.
   RFP will be distributed to developers for an environmental analysis and sewer analysis.
- Application for a Trails Grant was submitted, Mr. Henry will follow up with Denise Chapwick.
- The Planning Processing Committee is meeting September 29<sup>th</sup>, its first meeting after a summer off, with the new Zoning/Planning Administrator, Nancy Probst.
- The Energy Audit is still in progress, probably a couple more weeks until completion.
- The budget discussions for the 2017 budget will continue when Mr. Ho returns from vacation.
- The Community Rating System will be in place by the end of the year, offering decreased insurance premiums for homes in flood areas.
- The annual tax reassessment is still in progress.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

• Deputy Mayor Piserchia stated he thought the installation of a "Blue Line" would show additional support for the great work of our Police Department. Mr. Henry was directed to follow up with the details of the program. Committeeman Rae added he hoped that the residents of the township appreciated the excellent work of our Police Department.

#### **Announcements/Correspondence:**

- Flu Clinic October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 11 am in the vestibule between the library and the Township offices.
- Antique Car Show October 30th 10 to 4 pm.
- Millington Okoberfest October 8<sup>th</sup> 3 pm.
- Matthew G. Kantor Golf outing still had openings October 7<sup>th</sup> -
- Halloween Parade October 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

Mr. Roy Russen, Milton Avenue made note of the drainage issue that resulted in ice covered roads last winter. Administrator Henry said it would be addressed in next year's budget. Mr. Russen thought a Speed Limit sign or "Kids at Play" sign might help the situation at Milton Avenue.

Mead Briggs requested that the Committee look at the sight lines at Gillette school as well as the location of the current crosswalk and noted there was a good police presence on the road.

Andrea Briggs suggested a "push button" light at the crosswalk might be a solution and was happy the issue was being addressed.

Mr. Rob Walton from JCPL updated the Committee noting a small increase would be forthcoming and that on November 10<sup>th</sup> there would be an open house for new Lineman positons.

Tom Brusskoff was happy the Milton Avenue drainage situation would be addressed in next year's budget and showed a photo showing some potentially dangerous ditches and exposed drain pipes near Gates and Mitchell. The Committee directed Mr. Henry to follow up with the Engineer and Director of DPW to address these safety issues.

Mr. Schuman, Semerad Rd requested the dirt section of Oaks road to be closed due to increasing traffic. He was concerned for pedestrian's safety. He also noted there was an erosion issue at Semerad/Long Hill Rd. Mr. Henry noted it was already in next year's Capital budget.

Dennis Sandlow expressed frustration with the limited insurances the Flu Clinic accepted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Committeeman Rae made a motion seconded by Committeeman Dorsi to adjourn the meeting. Voice Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR Township Clerk

Approved October 12, 2016