

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.” Special Notice of the change in time for the Executive session was posted on the Website and faxed to the Echoes Sentinel and Courier News on November 22, 2016.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #16-322  
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:

Attorney/Client Privilege:

- Mt. Laurel Fair Share Housing

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #16-322 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:** Mayor Meringolo opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All present recited the pledge.

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

**PRESENTATION:** Recreation Advisory Committee – Beth Smargiassi presented Nancy Mink with the Mary Thoms Award. The Mary Thoms award is given to Recreation volunteers for their hard work and dedication to improving recreation programs for people of all ages. Nancy has

been with the Recreation Volunteer Committee for 15 years and has been integrally involved in the Myersville Christmas Tree festivities, the Halloween celebration, and the spring egg hunt as well as volunteering on many other committees. Ms. Mink thanked the Recreation Committee for the award and said it was an honor to receive it. Mayor Meringolo thanked Ms. Mink for all her hard work.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

Committeeman Schuler: No report

Deputy Mayor Piserchia: No report

Committeeman Rae: No report

Committeeman Dorsi:

- DPW is addressing the drainage safety issue at Gates Road and have obtained a new sidewalk snow removal tractor. They also assisted in removing the aluminum siding on a house and will recycle the aluminum.
- Both Fire Departments are offering Santa deliveries.
- PBA is running its Toys for Tots program.

Mayor Meringolo:

- Gave an update on the RFP and redevelopment of Valley Road. The one responding company had met and gone over the proposal which was a mixed use/retail/residential development, however, they had not proposed anything for the south side of Valley Road. In subsequent conversations it appears that the lack of RFP submittals was due, in part, to the short response deadline. Discussion ensued and it was determined that the RFP would be re-issued with a longer response period.
- Mayor Meringolo requested that Paul Ferriero, Township Engineer give an update regarding the sewer ban issue and its connection to redevelopment issues. Mr. Ferriero explained that there are 7 connections into the redevelopment site and inadequate flow to support them. The sewer ban was put in place because the current plant could only support .9 mgd (million gallons per day) and is at capacity. In order to increase the flow to 1.25 mgd there are a series of permits which must be obtained. A five year permit will be issued shortly which will require doing \$800,000 of upgrades to lower the phosphorous rates. In order to expand the plant a re-routing study would have to be submitted to the DEP. The second permit needed is the NJPDES (NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) which would take between six months and a year to obtain and the third permit would be obtained after a Treatment Works application was submitted. Currently the sewer system would not be able to handle the demands the affordable housing units will place on the system. Discussion followed regarding the needed permits, timeline, costs, and the referendum process that would occur. Mr. Ferriero then gave a brief overview of the municipal storm

water permit noting the Township is in good shape, that Mr. Sweeney and the DPW do a good job and that there will be greater requirements placed on the DPW shortly in order for them to issue permits.

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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: Deputy Mayor Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolutions #16-323 through #16-329 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Schuler. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in Favor.

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**RESOLUTION #16-323  
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 #16-324  
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 November 30, 2016 Township Committee Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the November 30, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION #16-325  
Authorizing Redemption of Municipal Lien - #16-0027**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 11-18-16, a lien was struck off to the town on Block 13514, Lot 1, also known as Homestead Road for \$4,096.47; and

**WHEREAS**, James & Patricia Oliver, property owner, has effected redemption of certificate #16-0027 in the amount of \$4,316.43; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, all subsequent payment affidavit, if any, has been filed, and the total redemption amount of \$4,316.43 was collected in full.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector has affected the redemption of the Municipal Lien.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
 RESOLUTION 16-326  
 Authorizing Redemption of Outside Lien - #16-0030**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 11-18-16, a lien was sold on Block 13702, Lot 15, also known as 28 Hillside Drive for \$509.91; and

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #16-0030, was sold to MTAG as Custodian For Caz Creek NJ II LLC (Lien Holder) for \$509.91 and a \$2,200.00 premium; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Peters (redeeming party) has effected redemption of Certificate #16-0030 in the amount of \$582.51; 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 \$582.51, payable to MTAG as Custodian For Caz Creek NJ II LLC (Lien Holder) for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #16-0030; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,200.00 (premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
 RESOLUTION 16-327  
 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following accounts to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the Current Year; and

**WHEREAS**, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts, over and above the demand necessary for the balance of the Current Year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the provision R.S. 40A:4-58, part of the surplus in the account heretofore mentioned be and the same is hereby transferred to the account mentioned as being insufficient, to meet the current demands, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers:

<b>Transfer From:</b>	
<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	-
Police – S&W	34,000

<b>Transfer To:</b>	
<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	
Planning Board- S&W	2,000
Board of Adjustment - S&W	2,000
Parks & Playgrounds - S&W	7,000
Construction – S&W	6,000

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<b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>		Fire Prevention – S&W	1,000
Police - OE	7,500	<b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>	
Celebration of Public Event- OE	16,500	Planning Board – OE	28,000
Group Health Insurance	60,000	Fire Prevention - OE	4,000
Municipal Services Act	8,000	Health Waiver - OE	5,000
		Utilities: Electricity - OE	10,000
		Utilities: Telephone - OE	4,500
		Mayor & Council - OE	15,000
		Legal – OE	7,500
		Purchase of Police Vehicle-OE	34,000
	<b><u>126,000</u></b>		<b><u>126,000</u></b>

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
 RESOLUTION 16-328  
 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT  
 CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR  
 THE TURTLE PARK DRAINAGE & SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of Long Hill Township formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as the application ID 00007 from NJDOT SAGE to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Long Hill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Long hill and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL**

**RESOLUTION 16-329  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT  
CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR  
THE MORRISTOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1 PROJECT**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of Long Hill Township formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as the application ID 00035 from NJDOT SAGE to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Long Hill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Long Hill and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

- 2017 preliminary budget almost complete. The goal is to meet with the Finance Committee in early January and adopt in late February or early March.
- The bid opening for the Millington Schoolhouse is December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Moving forward with the Heroine/Opiate education session, working with Jack Walsh and aiming for a late February, March presentation with a lot of publicity to attract as many attendees as possible.
- The Community Ratings System will wrap up in February. There will be a reduction in flood insurance premiums.
- The Land Diversion Application is moving forward and we are hoping to hold the first public meeting in February.
- The Energy Audit was approved
- The Matthew G. Cantor Trail grant monies were received and the trail should be finished in the spring.
- Remington & Vernick Engineers report on the wastewater facility will be in at the end of the month.
- An RFP for a new phone system will be going out shortly and the CAC will be asked to give input before the contract is awarded.
- Still pursuing the Gillette crosswalk sign.

Mayor Meringolo asked Attorney Pidgeon for an update on the Affordable Housing litigation. Attorney Pidgeon reported litigation was ongoing and the due to the retirement of the Judge who had been handling the case and the re-assignment to

Judge Hubner, the hearing has been moved from December 15<sup>th</sup> with a “report back” date of January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Meringolo suggested the possibility of the DPW offering a few extra hours to drop off bulk items during the holiday season and directed Administrator Henry to follow up with the DPW Director to see if this was feasible.

### **Announcements/Correspondence:**

- NJ Clean Energy Program – call (866) NJSMART
- Garbage Pick Up Schedule Correction – Zone 1 garbage and bulk will have Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> pick-up. DPW will collect metals and electronics for zone 1 and 2 on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Tom O’Leary, Millington – Noted the costs to up-grade the sewer system would be even higher because Mr. Ferriero didn’t include the price on new or up-graded piping and pump stations that would be needed. Also wondered if privatizing the plant would be an option.
- Chuck Arentowicz, Millington – Thanked the Committee for putting up some information on the Affordable Housing ongoing litigation and wondered why we haven’t settled the litigation yet and how many municipalities had settled. He wanted to make sure the sewer situation is taken into account in the settlement.
- Jill Pozarek, Millington – Suggested setting up a blue ribbon commission to serve as a nexus between the public, Township Committee and the Developer of the TIFA site.
- Olga Argunova – Noted that any sale of the sewer plant will make the buyer and the Township a profit and hoped the Fair Share Housing sites chosen took buildability into account.
- Karen Scholz – Millington – Expressed concern that other sites owned by the previous owner of the TIFA site were Super Fund sites. Requested the Township do its own environmental studies.
- Elaine Zindell, Myersville – Questioned the Committee about the E-consult report numbers that had been submitted to the courts earlier, the number of units of affordable housing that the Town might be directed to have and whether or not the Township had any autonomy in choosing its own numbers.
- Igor Senedzhuk – Millington – Requested the Township add a Q & A section to the website. The Committee agreed to this request.
- Anthony Opalka – Stirling – Questioned whether the timing of the litigation and settlement would affect the Master Plan Committee’s timeline for developing the new Land Use Element.
- Elaine Zindell – Requested sewer hook-up for her neighborhood.
- Tom O’Leary – Received clarification from the Committee on the number of units being discussed in the litigation with Fair Share Housing.

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- Maryann Kozacsek – Millington – As a Realtor she noted there has been a 3% decrease in home sales this year and is concerned about the cost of having to add so many new affordable units to the town.
- Bob Forniatas – Prism representative – Offered to answer any questions the residents had on the proposed development.
- Igor Senedzhuk – Millington – Questioned Mr. Forniatas about the company's foreclosures on other projects.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Committeeman Rae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piserchia, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

Approved December 30, 2016