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Mayor Schuler 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 12th, 2017 edition, and electronically sent to the Courier News and posted in the January 6, 2017 edition. The notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2017 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 #17-076  
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

- Affordable 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: Deputy Mayor Rae of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #17-076 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in Favor

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Mayor Schuler opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PRESENTATION:**

- Eagle Scout Proclamations – Nicholas Haines, Jonathan Stuart Soldan and Sean Gregory Theoclitus were honored for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Proclamations were read and presented by Mayor Schuler.
- Watchung Hill Municipal Alliance – “Stigma Free Communities” - Judy Carbone requested that the Township become a member of the “Stigma Free” Municipalities of Morris County to promote a community in which citizens suffering from mental illness and/or substance abuse issues feel they can ask for help in a safe, accepting

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environment. The Committee requested a supporting resolution be prepared for the next agenda.

**DISCUSSION: REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERING – Stephanie Cuthbert – Wastewater Plant Conditions and Valuation Report Review:**

Ms. Cuthbert gave an extensive review of the Wastewater Plant Condition and Valuation assessment which her firm had conducted over the last several weeks. The review covered costs associated for upkeep of the plant, system capacity, infrastructure life, possible rate increases, and valuation of the plant. Following her presentation there was lengthy discussion and questions from the public, Charles Arentowicz and Dennis Sandow, and the Committee members about the pros and cons of selling the wastewater facility. The complete reports produced from Remington & Vernick are on the website. Administrator Henry reviewed the time line for the referendum question. There will be more public meetings on this issue and the Township is hoping to put a referendum question on the November Ballot.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

Committeeman Dorsi

- Thanked the CERT Group and Stirling Fire Departments for their help during the power outage at Stirling Manor. The first use of the warming station was very successful.

Committeeman Meringolo

- The work at Old Town Hall is coming along nicely.

Committeeman Piserchia

- Resident Guy Rushto has volunteered to head a “Green Team” volunteer group. The group focuses on sustainability, recycling, environmental and other “green” goals. The Committee requested an approving resolution for the next agenda.
- The Shade Tree Commission wants to revisit the possibility of creating a Tree Ordinance

Deputy Mayor Rae – No report

Mayor Schuler – No report.

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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 Meringolo** of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #17-077 through #17-082 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All In Favor**

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-077  
APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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**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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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-078  
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 February 8, 2017 Township Committee Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the February 8, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-079  
In Grade Advancement - Schlaier**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by 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 grade advancement of Officer Raymond Schlaier to Officer Grade XI, effective February 25, 2017 at an annual salary of \$49,446.00.

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

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-080  
APPROVE CONFERENCE REQUEST  
MCANJ Spring Conference**

**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 by the Clerk to attend the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey (MCANJ) Spring Conference –April 25-27, 2017; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by, the Long Hill Township Committee hereby approves the request of the Clerk, Deborah Brooks, to attend the MCANJ Spring Conference.

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RESOLUTION 17-081**

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**APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE  
[GSA Camping at Hicks Tract]**

**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" Girl Scouts of America Troop 5050, for their Special Event to be held on May 20-21 (rain date June 3-4), 2017 at the Hicks Tract.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-082  
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE  
[GSA Bark in the Park]**

**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" Girl Scouts of America Troop 94232, for their Special Event to be held on April 29 (rain date April 30), 2017 at the Cantor Park Pavilion from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Police Department costs will be waived.

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**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCES FIRST READING/APPROVAL:**

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ORDINANCE # 394-17**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE  
ORDINANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, Planning Board Planner Kevin O'Brien, P.P., in a July 14, 2016 memorandum to the Township Committee, set forth various changes to the Township Land Use Ordinance that have been recommended by the Planning Board and the Ordinance Subcommittee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed those proposed changes and agrees that they should be adopted;

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**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 the Township of Long Hill's Land Use Ordinance, 1996, as supplemented and amended, is hereby further supplemented and amended as follows

**Section 1.** The definition of "Critical Area" set forth in Section 111 entitled "Definitions" is amended to read as follows:

**"CRITICAL AREA"** - the combined area of any portion of a site having an average slope of 15% or greater measured across ten vertical feet of contour; and/or an area of special flood hazard; and/or any wetlands area. ~~Topographic slope of fifteen (15%) percent grade or greater as measured across ten (10) foot contours. ;. ; and any surface retention and detention basins, wet basin, dry well and underground detention basin.~~

**Section 2.** The following sections of Section 130 entitled "Bulk and Supplemental Regulations" are amended as follows:

A. Subsections 133.7 and 133.9 are deleted.

**"133 YARD AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS**

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~~133.7—Surface retention and detention basins shall meet all required setback regulations for a principal structure for the zone in which they are located.~~

~~133.9—Surface retention and detention basins are considered critical areas and all new development shall adhere to the critical area setback requirements.~~

B. The following new Subsection 134.7, entitled "Residential Sheds" is added:

**134.7 RESIDENTIAL SHEDS**

These regulations are applicable to one and two family homes in residential zone districts.

- a. Each property shall be limited to one shed.
- b. Maximum shed size is 100 SF.

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- c. Shed must be set back from the side and rear property lines a minimum of 10 feet, measured from its dripline.
- d. The shed area will not count as lot coverage provided that a minimum of 8 inches of crushed stone is placed under the structure and two feet beyond the dripline.
- e. Sheds are not allowed in any front yard.

C. The following new paragraph “g” regulating residential decks is hereby added to Subsection 136.2 entitled ‘Yard Modifications’:

g. These regulations are applicable to decks for one and two family homes in residential zone districts.

1) If a deck is not covered, it is eligible for a 50% reduction in lot coverage provided it meets the following requirements:

- a. Decks shall conform to all principal structure setbacks.
- b. Homes with nonconforming side setbacks shall provide a minimum deck setback of six feet from the side plane of the home. Decks shall provide a minimum 30% aggregate side yard setback.
- c. Homes with conforming side setbacks shall place the deck no closer than the required side yard setback.
- d. There must be a minimum gap of 3/16 of an inch between any adjoining floor boards of the deck.
- e. To accommodate storm water drainage one of the following shall be installed:
- f. Uniformly graded crushed stone, in a bed eight inches deep under the deck, with any necessary filter fabric to prevent clogging of the stone; or
- g. A dry well with an effective volume equal to eight inches of uniformly graded crushed stone times the area of the deck, with any necessary piping and filter fabric to prevent clogging of the stone."

**Section 3.** Paragraph “h” of Subsection 151.2 entitled “Parking Area Design Standards” in Section 150 entitled “Development Design Standards” is hereby deleted:

**151.2 PARKING AREA DESIGN STANDARDS**

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~~h. — Except in the case of single family residences (including those with accessory apartments, porous asphalt pavement and modular paving block systems may be used for parking areas and driveways only when allowed by the approving authority. Such degree of perviousness shall be deducted from lot coverage calculations.~~

**Section 4.** Subsection 162.2, entitled “Site Plan Review” in Section 160 entitled “Site Plan and Subdivision Review” is hereby supplemented and amended by adding the new subparagraph g”:

f. Permanent Generators are allowed for conforming nonresidential uses in all commercial (non one and two family residential zones) zone districts if they conform to all of the standards listed below. If any of the conditions are not met, Minor Site Plan approval is required.

a. Maximum pad size of 64 SF.

b. Pad shall be placed a minimum 75 foot distance from any adjoining residential zone.

c. Required buffer - a visually solid fence with a minimum height of four feet up to the height of the generator shall enclose the generator. A row of plantings with a minimum 4 foot height at planting shall buffer the enclosure.

d. The generator may only be run between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on nonholiday weekdays for maintenance purposes.

e. Generators are not allowed in any front yard.

f. Permanent Generators are eligible for Site Plan Waiver Committee review if all items above are met. The Site Plan Waiver Committee Resolution shall provide information on all of the above items.

**Section 5.** Section 167 entitled “Land Use Application Checklist” is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“167 LAND USE APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

~~The Land Use Application Checklist is hereby adopted by the Township as Section 167, Exhibit A.~~

A. The Land Use Application Checklist is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and is incorporated herein by reference.<sup>1</sup>

B. The Land Use Application Checklist for Bulk Applications is attached

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<sup>1</sup> Existing “A” is the existing checklist.

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hereto as Exhibit “B” and is incorporated herein by reference.<sup>2</sup>

The final determination as to whether this checklist is suitable for use with a specific application shall be made by the Planning and Zoning Coordinator.”

**Section 5.** Subsection 173.3 entitled “Minutes” in Section 170 entitled “Land Use Procedures” is amended to read as follows:

**“173.3 MINUTES**

Minutes of every regular or special meeting shall be kept and shall include the names of the persons appearing and addressing the Board and of the persons appearing by attorney, the action taken by the Board, the findings, if any, made by it and reasons therefor. The minutes shall thereafter be made available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Township Clerk. Any interested party shall have the right to compel production of the minutes for use as evidence in any legal proceedings concerning the subject matter of such minutes. Such interested party may be charged a fee for reproduction of the minutes. ~~In addition to keeping minutes, the Township will also retain a certified shorthand reporter to appear at every hearing of the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment.”~~

**Section 6.** Section 182 entitled “Fee and Escrow Deposits” is amended as follows:

- “(a) The escrow deposit for all bulk variances (line 20) is reduced from \$4,000 to \$2,800.
- (b) The escrow deposit for all use variances (line 21) is reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,500.
- (c) Line 22 is amended to read as follows: ~~Each~~ All use variances: three and more family residential.
- (d) Line 23 is amended to read as follows: ~~Each~~ All use variances:  
Nonresidential

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<sup>2</sup> Exhibit “B” is a new checklist and is attached to this ordinance.

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Exhibit A

*[existing checklist]*

Exhibit B

*[attach new checklist]*

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**Section 7.** 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 8.** 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 6.** 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 22, 2017 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 22, 2017 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

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Piserchia, that Ordinance #394-17 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the March 22, 2017 Meeting.

**SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae

**ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor**

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING/ ADOPTION:**

**ORDINANCE #377-17**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERMANENT SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND AMENDING SECTION 155 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “SIGNS”**

*STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To make the Township’s permanent sign regulations clearer and easier to understand and to reduce the regulatory burden on property owners.*

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has recommended extensive revisions to the Township’s permanent sign regulations as outlined in a January 18, 2017 memorandum from Planning Board Planner, Kevin O'Brien, for the express purpose of making those regulations clearer and easier to understand, and reducing the regulatory burden on property owners;

**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 Section 150 of the Township Land Use Ordinance (1996) entitled, “Development Design Standards” is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 155 of the Township Land Use Ordinance entitled “Signs” is hereby repealed in its entirety and is replaced by a new section 155 entitled “Permanent Signs” which reads as follows<sup>3</sup>:

**155 PERMANENT SIGNS**

**155.1 Purpose**

Signs constitute a separate and distinct use of the premises upon which they are placed and also affect the use of adjacent roads, streets, walkways and other properties. The provisions of this

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<sup>3</sup>Additions in text indicated by underline; deletions by strikeouts.

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Sign Ordinances are made to establish reasonable and objective regulations for all Permanent signs in this municipality which are visible to the public, in order to protect the general public health, safety, welfare, convenience and aesthetics. This Ordinance is also intended to serve the public's need to be given helpful directions, and to be informed of available products, businesses, and services.

## **155.2 Definitions**

The following sign definitions are specifically applicable to this part:

**Abandoned Sign** — a sign which identifies a business, service, or activity that has not operated for at least 90 days; a sign which is damaged, in disrepair, or vandalized; a sign which advertises a nonexistent event, use, product or service.

**Animated Sign** — a sign having action, motion or flashing lights; signs with spinners, pennants, streamers and similar displays; signs that glow or have reflective qualities.

**ATM Sign** - a sign that is mounted, painted or otherwise attached to a device that dispenses cash.

**Awning Sign** — a sign that is mounted, painted or otherwise attached to an awning or window or door canopy. The area of awning signs shall be calculated by multiplying the largest horizontal and vertical dimensions of any lettering, display or graphic on the awning.

**Bench Sign** — a sign located on or attached to any part of the surface of a bench, seat or chair placed on or adjacent to a public roadway.

**Billboard Sign** - any sign which directs attention to a use which is conducted, sold or offered at a location other than the lot on which the sign is located.

**Canopy Sign** — *see awning sign.*

**Design enhancement feature** — any portion of a sign structure intended to improve the physical appearance of a sign, including roofs, columns, railroad ties, lattice and other decorative features.

**Directory of Occupants Sign** — a sign listing the tenants or occupants of a building and their respective professions or business activities.

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**Electronic Message Board Sign** — a sign that displays an image, video or text using a device that is capable of changing the message. Electronic message boards include but are not limited to signs also known as electronic reader boards and electronic message center signs.

**Flashing Sign** — an Illuminated Sign in which the artificial light is intermittent or is not maintained in a stationary position or constant intensity.

**Gasoline Service Station Sign** — any sign used to display the products, services and prices available at an automobile service station.

**Ground Sign** — a freestanding sign which is supported by one (1) or more columns, uprights, poles or braces that have been secured in the to the ground; a sign which is supported by a base constructed in or upon the ground. Also commonly known as a Monument Sign.

**Illuminated Sign** — A sign characterized by the use of artificial light, either projecting through its surface(s) [internally illuminated]; or reflecting off its surface(s) [externally illuminated].

**Inflatable Sign** — an air or *other gas* filled sign used to advertise a product or event. Inflatable signs include all manner of balloons used for any display purpose.

**Marquee Sign** — a sign designed so that characters, letters, illustrations or other graphics may be changed or rearranged without altering the face or surface of the sign.

**Municipal Purpose Sign** — a sign used for official purposes as an aid to safety or community service; a sign required by law. Examples include town entrance and exit signs, health notices, posted permits and signs to recognize historic sites.

**Off-Premises Sign** — a sign whose message directs attention to a business, product, service, event or activity that is not sold, produced, furnished, or conducted on the property upon which the sign is located.

**On-Premises Sign** — a sign whose message and design relate to an individual business, profession, product, service, event, point of view, or activity that is sold, offered, or conducted on the same property where the sign is located.

**Permanent Sign** — a sign that is fixed or intended to remain for an indefinite period of time.

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**Residence designation Sign** — a sign or plate indicating the name of a single family residential property or its occupants.

**Roof Sign** — a sign erected above or on the roof of a building, any part of which extends more than six (6) inches above the facade of a building.

**Sequential Sign** — a series of signs each bearing a portion of the message or information to be conveyed and intended to be read in sequence.

**Shingle Sign** — a wooden, unlighted sign attached to a principal building and located perpendicular to the front facade of the structure.

**Sign** — an object, device, display, or structure, or part thereof, situated outdoors or indoors, which is used to advertise, identify, display, direct, or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event, or location by any means, including words, letters, figures, design, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination, or projected images.

**Sign area** — the total square foot content of the background upon which sign lettering or display is presented. If there is no background, the sign area shall be computed as the product of the largest horizontal width, “a” and the largest vertical height, “b” of the lettering or display. This shall not be construed to include the support or design enhancement features of any signs which are used solely for such purpose. Design enhancement features that provide sign functions of any kind shall be included in the sign area calculations. For signs with two (2) display faces, the maximum area requirement shall be permitted on each side.

**Sign height** — the vertical distance from the average ground elevation around the base of ground sign to the highest level of any portion of the sign, including support and design enhancement features.

**Snipe Sign** — a sign tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued, or otherwise attached to trees, poles, stakes, fences, public benches, streetlights, or other objects, or placed on any public property or in the public right-of-way or on any private property without the permission of the property owner. A sign attached to a utility pole in conformance with state and utility regulations is not a Snipe Sign.

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**Support** — any portion of a sign structure designed to elevate, suspend, anchor, brace or hold up a sign or design enhancement feature.

**Temporary Sign** - any sign constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, paper, plywood, corrugated material, plastic or other light material, including, sidewalk signs, portable signs, searchlights and inflatable signs and designed or intended to be displayed for a short period of time.

**Wall Sign** —a sign attached to, painted upon or erected against the wall or facade of a building or structure and not extending more than six (6) inches from the building face or facade of the structure, except that signs exceeding thirty-two (32) inches in height shall be permitted to extend up to ten (10) inches from the building face. Also commonly known as a facade sign.

**Window or Door Sign** — a sign attached to or painted upon a window or door which is visible to the general public from an out-of-doors position.

**155.3 General Provisions**

- a. Permanent Signs shall not be altered, erected or maintained except in conformity with the provisions of this Section.
- b. It shall be unlawful to erect or display a new sign or make any changes to an existing sign without first filing an application for a sign permit with the Administrative Officer unless such sign is exempted by this Ordinance.
- c. No sign shall be placed in such a position that it will cause confusion or danger to street traffic by obscuring the view or by simulating official, directional or warning signs maintained by any governmental body, railroad or public utility concerned with the protection of public health or safety. This shall include any sign visible from the public right-of-way which imitates or simulates a traffic control device.
- d. No sign shall be placed in any required sight triangle unless specifically permitted by the approving authority. Signs placed in a sight triangle must comply with the provisions of Section 157.5.

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- e. An abandoned sign shall be repaired, replaced or removed within thirty (30) days upon written notification by the Construction Official or Code Enforcement Officer. Any visible area where a sign is replaced or removed shall be repaired and/or painted to match the remaining structure. All cracked, warped or broken members of a sign shall be replaced. Deteriorated surfaces which evidence rusting, flaking or cracking shall be replaced or repaired. All broken or cracked glass shall be replaced.
- f. All illuminated signs shall be either indirectly lighted or be of the diffused lighting type. Ground signs, if illuminated, shall be illuminated by an exterior source only in accordance with subsection 155.11b, except that ground signs in the B-3 zone may be internally illuminated. No sign shall be lighted by using any unshielded light source, unshielded incandescent bulbs, mirrors reflecting a direct light source or similar devices. Buildings or structures, including doors and windows may not be outlined by tubing or strings of lights for advertising purposes.

#### **155.4 Permitted signs**

The following signs are permitted in all zone districts:

- a. Municipal Purpose signs.
- b. Flags, emblems or other insignia of a nation, State, County, municipality, school, business, or religious group, provided that no more than one (1) such flag, emblem or insignia shall be permitted for each entity, and that no such individual display exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area. No more than three (3) flags or similar displays shall be permitted on the property. These regulations shall not apply to flags of the United States of America.
- c. Customary identification signs of recognized nonprofit service organizations. Such signs shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height nor be more than nine (9) square feet in area.
- d. Signs for public and semipublic facilities such as schools, churches, libraries and public recreational facilities. The Construction Official may consult with the approving authority to determine suitable height and area limitations on signs in this category. The approving authority in determining the area and height limitations to be imposed shall be guided by the standards established in this Section.
- e. Residence designation signs not exceeding two (2) square feet in area.

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- f. Signs indicating the private nature of a road, driveway or other premises, and signs controlling the use of private property such as prohibition of hunting or fishing.
- g. A single ground sign or wall sign indicating a permitted home office. It shall not exceed four (4) feet in height or four (4) square feet in area.
- h. A single ground sign and a single wall sign for private clubs, private recreational facilities and multi-family residential structures. The ground sign shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height and nine (9) square feet in area. The wall sign shall not exceed nine (9) square feet in area.
- i. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property, providing the sign(s) contains no advertising matter or messages. Such directional signs shall be excluded from any sign area limitations established by this Section, provided that the approving authority and its Engineer consent to the location, size and number of signs.
- j. Vending machine signs shall be permitted in all nonresidential zones; all such signs shall subtract the aggregate vending machine sign area from the permitted sign area for wall, ground and other permitted sign types.
- k. Historic or Dedication Signs are permitted if approved by the Township Committee.

**155.5 Prohibited Signs**

Any sign not specifically permitted by this Ordinance is prohibited. The following signs and design enhancement features are unlawful and specifically prohibited:

- a. Marquee signs. Public Agency, Emergency Services and Community Service uses are exempt.
- b. Abandoned signs.
- c. Snipe signs.

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- d. Vehicular signs. No vehicle containing advertising displays shall be parked where visible from any public right of way in any zone district if the effect of such parking would be to create a permanent sign or other advertisement not permitted by Section 155 of this Ordinance. This regulation does not restrict the use of business logos, identification or advertising on vehicles primarily and actively driven(operated) for business purposes
- e. Mechanical movement signs, including revolving signs.
- f. Electronic Message Board signs.
- g. Pennants, strings, inflatable devices, signs and streamers, and animated signs.
- h. Signs which prevent free ingress or egress from any door, window or fire escape. No sign other than a Code required safety placard shall be attached to a standpipe or fire escape.
- i. Signs which emit smoke, visible vapors, particulate matter, sound, odor or contain open flames.
- j. Off-premises signs.
- k. Portable signs.
- l. Sequential signs.
- m. Roof signs.
- n. Billboard signs
- o. Temporary signs, except those permitted by Section 3-12 of the Long Hill Ordinance.
- p. Signs erected without the permission of the property owner, with the exception of those authorized or required by local, state, or federal government.
- q. Any sign containing information which states or implies that a property may be used for any purpose not permitted under the provisions of the Long Hill Township Zoning Ordinance.

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**155.6 Signs requiring a permit**

Except when it is shown on an approved site plan, a permit is required for the following signs:

- a. Home office sign
- b. Private club and multi-family sign
- c. Private Directional sign
- d. Bank ATM sign
- e. Wall sign
- f. Ground sign
- g. Directory of Occupants sign
- h. Gasoline Service Station sign
- i. Shingle sign
- j. Awning sign
- k. Canopy sign
- l. Bench sign

**155.7 Signs Permitted in Village Business Zones and Public Zones**

In the B-1-5, B-1-20, M, M-H and P zones the following signs shall be permitted in addition to those permitted in all zones:

- a. Each permitted use may have one (1) wall sign, provided that the sign shall not exceed an area equal to five (5) percent of the area of the facade upon which it is erected, or fifty (50) square feet, whichever is smaller. In computing permitted sign area, only one (1) face of a building may be used as the principal face. In the case of a use located on the ground floor of a multi-story building, only the first floor facade area shall be used for the purposes of calculating the permissible sign area. In the case of a multi-occupancy structure, the allowable sign area shall be distributed among occupants having street level frontage. Single tenant structures shall use the first floor facade area for the purposes of calculating the permissible sign area.

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- b. For all permitted uses providing at least a fifteen (15) foot principal building setback, one (1) ground sign not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet in area and eight (8) feet in height shall be permitted per lot, provided the permitted wall sign area in paragraph a. is reduced to two and one-half (2-1/2) percent of the facade area, or twenty-five (25) square feet, whichever is smaller.
  - 1. The ground sign shall not be placed within any required sight triangle and shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet from any property line. Such ground sign is eligible for Site Plan Waiver provided it meets all requirements stated above.
- c. Each multi-occupancy structure may display one (1) directory of occupants sign not exceeding eight (8) square feet in area, provided that the directory is located within a side or rear yard or attached to the principal building facing the major street and provided the property contains five (5) or more tenants. Permitted uses on corner lots are allowed to have a second directory sign for use on the minor road. The sign shall be no more than eight (8) square feet in area and shall be attached to the principal building on the side facing the minor street.
- d. Window and door signs, not exceeding a total of ten (10) square feet in total area of all such signs for each permitted use, of which up to two (2) square feet may be used for signs of neon or similar materials.
- e. Signs for automobile service stations, where such uses are permitted as nonconforming uses, provided that the total area of all signs does not exceed fifty (50) square feet and further provided that the requirements of paragraphs a., b., d. and f. of this Section are met.
- f. One (1) shingle sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in area for each permitted use, provided the permitted wall sign area is reduced by the size of the shingle sign, and further provided that no ground sign is used on the property.
- g. Awning signs, provided the total area of said signs is consistent with the provisions of paragraph a. above, and further provided that no wall or shingle signs are used on the property.
- h. In addition to all other permitted signs, banks shall be permitted up to two (2) wall signs indicating automatic teller machine services, provided that the aggregate area of the signs does not exceed twelve (12) square feet.

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- i. A bench sign provided the entire sign area is no larger than 7" by 4 feet.
- j. The above requirements shall apply to all conditional uses and nonpublic uses located in the P zone, and shall not apply to any publicly owned use in the P zone.

**155.8 Signs Permitted in General Commercial Areas (B-D Zone)**

In the B - D Downtown Valley Commercial zone, the following signs shall be permitted in addition to those permitted in all zones:

- a. One (1) wall sign for each permitted use provided that the area of the wall sign shall not exceed one and one-half (1-1/2) percent of the gross floor area of the use, nor exceed fifty (50) square feet in area, whichever is less and further provided that the length of said sign does not exceed sixty (60) percent of the width of the front facade of the use. In computing permitted sign area, only one (1) face of a building may be used as the principal face. In the case of a use located on the ground floor of a multi-story building, only the first floor facade area shall be used for the purposes of calculating the permissible sign area. In the case of a multi-occupancy structure, the allowable sign area shall be distributed among occupants having street level frontage. Single tenant structures shall use the first floor facade area for the purposes of calculating the permissible sign area.
- b. As an alternative to the signs permitted in paragraph a. above, each permitted use, or group of permitted uses, may erect one (1) ground sign not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet in area and eight (8) feet in height, provided that the permitted use or group of permitted uses represented by the ground sign have a lot frontage of at least one hundred (100) feet in length, and that the permitted total area of permitted wall, awning, and door and window signs is reduced to fifty (50) percent of the maximum permitted sign size permitted in paragraph a. above.
- c. Directory of occupants signs not exceeding eight (8) square feet in area provided that the directory located within a side or rear yard of the property or attached to the principal building facing the major street and provided the property contains five (5) or more tenants. Permitted uses on corner lots are allowed to have a second directory sign for use on the minor road. The sign shall be no more than eight (8) square feet in area and shall be attached to the principal building on the side facing the minor street.
- d. Awning signs, provided the total area of the signs is consistent with the provisions of paragraph a. and further provided that no wall sign is used on the property.

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- e. Window and door signs, not exceeding a total of ten (10) square feet in total area of all such signs for each permitted use, of which up to two (2) square feet may be used for signs of neon or similar materials.
- f. Signs for automobile service stations, where such uses are permitted as nonconforming uses, provided that the total area of all signs does not exceed fifty (50) square feet and further provided that the requirements of paragraphs a., b., and d. are met.
- g. In addition to all other permitted signs, banks shall be permitted up to two (2) wall signs indicating automatic teller machine services, provided that the aggregate of the signs does not exceed twelve (12) square feet.
- h. For all permitted uses providing the minimum required front yard setback, one (1) ground sign not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet in area and eight (8) feet in height shall be permitted per lot, provided that it shall not be placed within any required sight triangle and shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet from any property line, and provided that the permitted total area of allowed wall, awning, and door and window signs shall be reduced to fifty (50%) percent of the maximum permitted sign size allowed otherwise. Such ground sign is eligible for Site Plan Waiver provided it meets all requirements stated above.
- i. A bench sign provided the entire sign area is no larger than 7" by 4 feet.

### **155.9 Signs Permitted in Planned Shopping Zones (PSO Zone)**

In the PSO Downtown Valley Planned Shopping Overlay zone, the following signs shall be permitted in addition to those permitted in all zones:

- a. For each permitted use of three thousand (3,000) or fewer square feet, one (1) wall sign the area of which shall not exceed two (2) percent of the gross floor area of the use.

For each permitted use over three thousand (3,000) square feet and up to ten thousand (10,000) square feet, one (1) wall sign the area of which shall not exceed one and one-half (1-1/2) percent of the gross floor area of the use, except that uses between three thousand (3,000) and four thousand (4,000) square feet shall be permitted a sign with an area of sixty (60) square feet.

For all permitted uses of ten thousand (10,000) or fewer square feet, wall signs shall not be greater than thirty-two (32) inches in height, except that wall signs utilizing two (2) lines of copy shall be permitted up to forty (40) inches in height, provided each individual line of copy provides an overall height of between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) inches. The length of the wall sign shall not exceed sixty (60) percent of the width of the front facade of the use.

For each permitted use over ten thousand (10,000) square feet in gross floor area, one (1) wall sign the area of which shall not exceed one-half (0.5) percent of the gross floor area of the use. No such sign shall be greater than forty-eight (48) inches in height, nor shall the length of said sign exceed forty (40) percent of the front facade of said use.

In the case of a pharmacy, liquor store or restaurant located within a supermarket, each such use shall be permitted a separate wall sign provided the dimensions of each wall sign are in accordance with this subsection and further provided that each such use is permitted a minimum sign area of at least twenty-five (25) square feet.

- b. Each use may have one (1) awning sign for each entrance sign provided the sign is located perpendicular and adjacent to the entrance. No awning sign shall exceed five (5) square feet in area.

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- c. One (1) ground sign not exceeding one hundred (100) square feet in area nor fifteen (15) feet in height, except that no individual tenant sign used for ground shall exceed twenty (20) square feet in area. The approving authority may, at its sole discretion, impose additional controls on the size, dimensions and number of individual tenant signs used for all ground signs in the B-3 zone.

For shopping centers located on corner lots, a second ground sign shall be permitted for use on the secondary road. The sign shall identify the shopping center name only, shall not exceed fifteen (15) square feet in area and shall be no more than three (3) feet in height.

- d. Directory of occupants signs not exceeding eight (8) square feet in area provided they are located in the side or rear yard of the property and provided the property contains five (5) or more tenants.
- e. In addition to all other permitted signs, banks shall be permitted up to two (2) wall signs indicating automatic teller machine services, provided that the aggregate area of the signs does not exceed twelve (12) square feet.
- f. Window and door signs, not exceeding a total of ten (10) square feet in total area of all such signs for each permitted use, of which up to two (2) square feet may be used for signs of neon or similar materials.
- g. A bench sign provided the entire sign area is no larger than 7" by 4 feet.

**155.10 Signs Permitted in Office and Industrial Zones**

In the O, VIO and LI-2 zones, the following signs shall be permitted in addition to those permitted in all zones:

- a. In the O zone, each permitted primary use may have one (1) wall sign, provided that the sign shall not exceed an area equal to five (5) percent of the area of the facade upon which it is erected.
- b. Each permitted primary use may have one (1) ground sign which does not exceed a total of ten (10) square feet in area nor exceed a height of eight (8) feet.

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- c. One (1) directory of occupants sign not exceeding eight (8) square feet in area, provided that it is located in the side or rear yard of the property or attached to the principal building facing the major street, and further provided the property contains five (5) or more tenants. Permitted uses on corner lots are allowed to have a second directory sign for use on the minor road. The sign shall be no more than eight (8) square feet in area and shall be attached to the principal building on the side facing the minor street.
- d. In addition to all other permitted signs, banks, where permitted, shall be permitted up to two (2) wall signs indicating automatic teller machine services, provided that the aggregate area of said signs does not exceed twelve (12) square feet.
- e. Window and door signs, not exceeding a total of ten (10) square feet in total area of all such signs for each permitted use, of which up to two (2) square feet may be used for signs of neon or similar materials.
- f. In the VIO and LI-2 zone each permitted use may have one (1) wall sign, provided that the sign shall not exceed an area equal to five (5) percent of the area of the facade upon which it is erected, providing the property contains five (5) or more tenants.
- g. In the VIO and LI-2 zone a property with more than one (1) principal building may erect one (1) directory sign on each face that has an entrance of each principal building providing the building contains five (5) or more tenants. Such directory signs shall be located no further than ten (10) feet from the entrance door.

**155.11 Design Standards**

The following design standards shall apply to all signs:

- a. The use of carved or sandblasted painted wood signs or foam board-type materials that appear to be carved or sandblasted painted wood signs shall be required for all ground and wall signs throughout the B-1-5, B-1-20, M, *M-H*, P, B-2, O and LI-2 zones, and shall be encouraged in all other zones of the Township.

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- b. Sign lighting shall be arranged and shielded to reflect light and glare away from adjoining properties and area travelers. Ground signs shall be illuminated from ground mounted sources or gooseneck lamps only, unless otherwise permitted by this Section, and all such illumination of signs shall be landscaped with evergreen plantings and shall provide no more than *3500 lumens total* per sign.
- c. Internally lighted signs shall provide a dark background and light lettering; in no case shall internally lighted signs use stark white graphics of any kind. Whenever necessary, the approving authority shall require a sample of the material to be used for any sign.
- d. Ground signs shall be supported by one (1) or more columns or uprights which are firmly embedded in the ground. Exposed guy wires, chains, piping, conduit or similar materials shall not be used to support any ground sign.
- e. New sign plans for existing development shall consolidate and improve existing signs whenever possible. All changes to existing signs shall conform to all applicable provisions of this Section.
- f. The contents of any sign shall be limited to property and occupant identification, company emblem and logos, and concise messages identifying the use, product or service of the property. Unnecessarily detailed messages, descriptions and graphics are prohibited.
- g. The total area of all columns, beams, bases and design enhancement features used in connection with a sign shall not exceed the total area of the subject sign. For the purposes of this requirement, the area of all sign support and design enhancement features shall be considered the product of the maximum horizontal and vertical measurement of the total sign structure minus the sum of the sign area and any air space located between the sign and the support and design enhancement sign features.
- h. Signs for multi-occupancy structures shall use common sign sizes, colors, graphics and shapes whenever possible.
- i. In addition to the sign size restrictions established by this Section, the depth of any sign or related support or design enhancement feature shall not exceed two (2) feet.

## **155.12 Administration and Review**

- a. Site Plan Review.
  1. Prior to the issuance of a building permit for any sign, a site plan shall be reviewed and approved, or waived as hereinafter provided, by the approving authority. It is the specific intent of this paragraph that any site plan review relating solely to a sign or signs shall be limited by the approving authority exclusively to the signage, and shall not include any review of other conditions on the property under consideration. Applications for site plan review of signs shall include the sign application; a property survey and building elevation, if necessary, showing the location of existing and proposed signs; scale drawings of all proposed signage; a summary of the dimensions and area of all existing and proposed signs; and other plan notes or diagrams indicating sign materials, lighting, landscaping and all other information needed to review the subject application.
  2. When a sign application is made to the Township the Construction Official may issue a building permit without site plan review and approval, provided that the proposed signage is permitted by this Section, meets all area, dimensional and other requirements, and meets the design standards provided in subsection 155.11. The Construction Official may consult with the Township or Board Planner on any sign application under this subsection before issuing a permit.

### **Section 111 (terms to be removed from general definitions)**

~~*Advertising billboard sign*—any sign which directs attention to a use which is conducted, sold or offered at a location other than the lot on which the sign is located.~~

~~*Awning sign*—any sign or message that is mounted, painted or otherwise attached to an awning or other window or door covering that is permitted by this Ordinance. The area of awning signs shall be calculated by multiplying the largest horizontal and vertical dimensions of any lettering, display or graphic on the awning.~~

~~*Bench sign*—a sign located on or attached to any part of the surface of a bench, seat or chair placed on or adjacent to a public roadway.~~

~~*Canopy sign*—any display attached to the underside of a canopy or other roof overhang and intended primarily for viewing by pedestrians.~~

~~*Directory of occupants sign*—a sign or plate listing the tenants or occupants of a building and their respective professions or business activities.~~

~~*Facade*—the total wall surface, including door and window area, of a building's principal face. In computing permitted sign area, only one (1) face of a building~~

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may be used as the principal face. In the case of a use located on the ground floor of a multi-story building, only the first floor facade area shall be used for the purposes of calculating the permissible sign area. In the case of a multi-occupancy structure, the allowable sign area shall be distributed among occupants having street level frontage. Single tenant structures shall use the first floor facade area for the purposes of calculating the permissible sign area.

*Flashing sign*—an illuminated sign in which the artificial light is intermittent or is not maintained in a stationary position or constant intensity.

*Ground sign*—a freestanding sign which is supported by one (1) or more poles or braces or by a base in or upon the ground.

*Illuminated sign*—a sign lighted by an interior light source.

*Marquee sign*—a ground sign designed so that characters, letters, illustrations or other graphics may be changed or rearranged without altering the face or surface of a sign and designed for permanent display as a freestanding sign located along a public roadway.

*Naked light display*—any use of unshielded lights used individually or in strings to attract the attention of the general public.

*Permanent sign*—A wall sign or ground sign on the subject lot which requires site plan approval. See General Ordinance Section 3-12 for temporary signs which are regulated in that section. (Ord. No. 367-2015)

*Portable sign* (Removed by Ord. No. 367-2015)

*Real estate sign* (Removed by Ord. No. 367-2015)

*Residence designation sign*—a sign or plate indicating the name of a single family residential property or its occupants.

*Roof sign*—a sign erected above or on the roof of a building, any part of which extends more than six (6) inches above the facade of a building.

*Search light display*—any use of lighting intended to attract the general public by the waving or moving of light beams.

*Shingle sign*—a wooden, unlighted sign attached to a principal building and located perpendicular to the front facade of the structure.

*Sidewalk sign* (Removed by Ord. No. 367-2015)

*Sign*—any object, device, display, or structure, or part thereof, situated outdoors or indoors, which is used to advertise, identify, display, direct, or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event, or location by any means, including words, letters, figures, design, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination, or projected images.

*Sign area*—the total square foot content of the background upon which sign lettering or display is presented. If there is no background, the sign area shall be computed as the product of the largest horizontal width and the largest vertical height of the lettering or display. This shall not be construed to include the support or design

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~~enhancement features of any signs which are used solely for such purpose. For signs with two (2) display faces, the maximum area requirement shall be permitted on each side.~~

~~*Sign height*—the vertical distance from the average ground elevation around the base of ground sign to the highest level of any portion of the sign, including support and design enhancement features.~~

~~*Temporary sign* (Removed by Ord. No. 367-2015)~~

~~*Vehicle advertising*—the use for advertising purposes of any vehicle not involved in the transportation needs of the business being advertised.~~

~~*Wall sign*—any sign attached to, painted upon or erected against the wall or facade of a building or structure and not extending more than six (6) inches from the building face or facade of the structure, except that signs exceeding thirty two (32) inches in height shall be permitted to extend up to ten (10) inches from the building face.~~

~~*Window and door sign*—a sign maintained in or painted upon a window or door which is clearly visible to the general public from an out-of-doors position.~~

**124.4 Garages and Parking of Commercial Vehicles in Single Family Residential Zones.**

- a. There shall be provided a garage for each single family dwelling as follows:
  1. In the C, R-2, or R-3 zones, garage space shall be provided for at least two (2) but not more than four (4) automobiles.
  2. In the R-4 and R-5 Zones, garage space shall be provided for at least one (1) but not more than three (3) automobiles.
- b. No commercial vehicle shall be parked out-of-doors overnight in any single family residential zone. Not more than one (1) commercial vehicle not exceeding a loading capacity of one and one-half (1 1/2) tons may be garaged on each lot in a residential zone, and no commercial vehicle exceeding such loading capacity may be stored or garaged.
- c. No vehicle containing advertising displays thereon shall be parked in any single family residential zone ~~district~~ if the effect of such parking would be to create a sign or other advertisement not permitted by Section 155 of this Ordinance.

**125.6 Professional Offices**

Professional offices shall be a permitted conditional use in the P Zone subject to the following conditions:

- d. Signs: Ground and wall signs shall be permitted in accordance with Section ~~155.4~~ 155.7 and the design standards of Section ~~155.8~~ 155.11 shall control.

**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, January 25, 2017, will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 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.

*1st Reading and Introduction: January 25, 2017*

*1st Publication: January 2, 2017*

*Referral to Planning Board: January 26, 2017*

*Notice to County Planning Board Prior to Adoption: January 26, 2017*

*Notice to Clerks of Adjoining Municipalities (if required): January 26, 2017*

*2nd Reading and Adoption: February 22, 2017*

*2nd Publication:*

*Filing with County Planning Board:*

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The Mayor noted he was opposed to removing Section 155.11 as he didn't see the need for businesses to keep their lights on all during the night.

Dennis Sandow noted that a majority of the lights left on all night were for evening shift workers or for security issues. He also noted the administrative error on page 24 Section 155.11 B-2 should read B-D. This will be corrected.

Charles Arentowicz stated he would like section 155.11 to be reinstated as there is no need for lights to be on all night.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

**MOVED** by Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Ordinance 377-17 is hereby adopted. **SECOND** by: Deputy Mayor Rae

**ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes: Committeeman Meringolo, Committeeman Dorsi, Committeeman Piserchia, Deputy Mayor Rae Nay: Mayor Schuler**

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**Due to the lateness of the meeting, Mayor Schuler opened the meeting to the public:**

- Ted Laffey, Millington, as a resident of Oaks Road, offered to be one of the resident members of the new Traffic Advisory Committee when it was formed.
- Linda Panetta voiced concern about the increased speed and increasing volume of traffic on Oaks Road and would be in favor of closing the road and preserving the green space.
- Dennis Sandow suggested larger weight restriction signs be posted and stricter enforcement applied.
- Charles Arentowicz, Millington, voiced his displeasure at the Committees action in not re-instating Section 155.11 in Ordinance 377-17 before its adoption. He feels it goes against the Master Plan. (N.B. - The Planning Board issued it's not inconsistent with the Master Plan memo for this Ordinance on February 15, 2017)

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- Preliminary Assessment for Land Diversion – Ecolsciences, Inc. – The Township Committee authorized Ecolsciences, Inc. to perform the preliminary environmental assessment required as part of the application process for the Land Diversion. The cost will be approximately \$4000.00.
- Valley Road Redevelopment – (Committeeman Dorsi recused himself for this discussion) Both RFP's had been reviewed and analyzed by the redevelopment committee. Elite properties scored 98/100 and Amboy Developers Scored 80/100. The main difference in scoring was Elite's extra effort to understand the Township's

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architectural standards and community vision goals. Jessica Caldwell will lead the public information input for the project. On motion by Committeeman Meringolo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rae, the Committee authorized the Township to enter into negotiation with Elite to become the "Authorized Redeveloper" for this project.

- 2017 Municipal Budget Draft Review – Mr. Henry reviewed the first draft of the 2017 budget/capital expenses and it is his intent to have the budget on the agenda for adoption in the first week of April. He will have some clarifications to some questions the Committee had at the next meeting.
- 2000 Free Tree Seedlings – On motion by Committeeman Piserchia, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rae, the Committee authorized participation in the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign Partners Program which provides free tree seedlings to the Community. DPW Director Sweeney will be in charge of pick up and distribution.

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RESOLUTION 17-083  
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NJ TREE RECOVERY PROGRAM**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize participation in the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign Partners Program.

**MOVED** by Committeeman Piserchia of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Resolution 17-083 is hereby adopted. **SECOND** by: Deputy Mayor Rae.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor**

- **Ad Hoc Traffic Advisory Committee Establishment – Resolution 17-084**

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RESOLUTION 17- 084**

**RESOLUTION CREATING AN AD HOC TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Township residents have reported traffic problems in their neighborhoods resulting in part from motorists using residential streets as cut-throughs; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Lieutenant Naga suggested the formation of an ad hoc committee comprised of residents, himself, members of the Township Committee and Township Administrator Neil Henry to review possible solutions and report back to the Township

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Committee with recommendations;

**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 create an ad hoc traffic advisory committee as follows:

1. The committee shall be comprised of a representative from the Police Department, two members of the Township Committee, the Township Administrator and four residents, if possible, one each from Meyersville, Millington, Stirling and Gillette appointed by the Township Committee.
2. The committee shall receive and review traffic complaints from residents and come up with solutions in the form of a report to be presented to the Township Committee on or before June 30, 2017.
3. The committee shall be automatically dissolved upon completion of its task or upon dissolution by the Township Committee, whichever occurs first.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Rae, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill adopted Resolution 17-084 by unanimous decision.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Administrator Henry:

- Today was the last day for public comments to be submitted to the clerk regarding the Land Diversion
- The last Flood acquisition property was demolished today.
- The work on the Schoolhouse continues.
- The latest edition of the newsletter will come out in mid March.
- The Land Use Efficiency Committee will next meet on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The Energy Audit is still continuing.
- Midco's Sticker Program proposal as a solution for extra garbage pick up will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Committeeman Meringolo reminded Administrator Henry to follow up on the recognition plaque for Ms. Wilhelm and the progress of the feasibility study for the PD. Mr. Henry is looking for groups to do the study.

Committeeman Piserchia wants to have the Committee focus on the design and vision for a downtown Main Street. One possible solution to the parking problem in the business district

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would be the use of Uber. The Committee directed Mr. Henry to have the Township engineer look at the parking situation and possible expansion in the area of Railroad Ave.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No Comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Rae made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia to adjourn. Voice Vote: All in favor. The Meeting adjourned at 11:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

Approved 3-8-2017