

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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Deputy Mayor Rae 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 #17-085
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

Personnel

- DPW Staffing

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 #17-085 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor

Mayor Schuler opened the meeting at 7:38 PM.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PROCLAMATION: MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH – The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to Red Cross representative Jay Weisman. Mr. Wiesman thanked the Committee and reminded everyone that 90% of the services and deliverables provided by the Red Cross are from donations and volunteers.

PROCLAMATION: MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH – The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to ShopRite representative Jessica Guarnieri. Committeeman

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Piserchia noted Partners in Caring had conducted a fund raising event and ShopRite employees **Diana Gonzalea and Moemi Maridiago** had won the contest for raising the most donations. Their pictures will appear on a Cheerios box. Additionally both women chose to donate back their \$250.00 prize money. The food purchased from the donations will go to the All Saints Church Food Bank.

PRESENTATION: Potential Sale of Wastewater Facility and Collection System - Stephanie Cuthbert

– Ms. Cuthbert of Remington & Vernick answered questions from the Township Committee regarding rate comparison data for the potential sale of the wastewater plant and collection system. The Committee directed Finance Director Ho to create a report which illustrated the rate increases that have occurred in other municipalities after an asset sale and how those increases compared to the increases seen in municipalities in which the utilities were overseen by BPU. They also wanted information on the costs which would be incurred to make the expansions needed in order to lift the sewer ban and costs associated with the upcoming increase in having to remove phosphorus and copper out of the system. Discussion ensued regarding the production of the Request for Bid proposal. Potential items to be included in the RFB were as follows:

- Lift Sewer Ban
- Achieving 100% sewer hook up
- Require residents to connect upon sale of a home
- Seek a specific financial commitment for capital improvements
- Pave curb to curb on streets where sewer connections/repairs are being done
- Senior Citizen discounts
- Rate freeze for a certain amount of time
- Interview (or retain) Current Employees

Resident Dennis Sandow recommended the Committee speak to an economist as well as the engineers to get a market perspective in addition to an engineering perspective.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Committeeman Dorsi:

- In 2016, the Stirling Fire Department answered 258 alarms, conducted 92 hours of drills and used 9521.65 man hours. Please continue with your donations.
- There will be a water rescue drill at Stirling Lake at the end of next week.
- The Annual Venison dinner was a great success. All aluminum cans, etc. from the dinner were recycled. Please keep bringing your aluminum recycling so we can continue donating to the St. Barnabus Burn Unit.
- The DPW handled some downed trees after the wind storm of last week. They also cleaned up the Hicks Tract in preparation for the Girl Scouts upcoming camping trip. Two days of warm weather allowed for some pot holes to be filled. Mulch will be available in about a month. 9000 fluorescent bulbs were recycled. Please continue recycling your Styrofoam – in 2016 the Township recycled 3.5 tons of Styrofoam which

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would have gone into the land fill. The DPW did a great job handling the forced main break in Meyersville this week.

Deputy Mayor Rae: No report.

Committeeman Meringolo:

- The School budget will be out this week and will be brought to the Committee meeting next week for discussion.
- The Historic Preservation Committee is moving forward with the Tombstone project in Turtle Rock Park.
- The construction on the Old Town Hall is moving along nicely.
- The Redevelopment Subcommittee met with ELITE Associates to review their proposal. Elite's greatest concerns are DEP permitting and the need to modify the sewer ban in order to make the site financially viable. A resolution naming Elite as the authorized redeveloper will be on the next agenda. The Mayor also wanted some kind of timeline for the redevelopment process.

Committeeman Piserchia:

- The First Aid Squad averaged 2 calls per day during the month of February. Please keep the donations coming!

Mayor Schuler:

- The Recreation Committee met last week and are continuing to work on the goose problem.
- The Planning Board has proposed giving the Recreation Element of the Master Plan to the Recreation Advisory Committee for more timely updates which would be reviewed by the Planning Board before being finalized.
- Watchung Hills High School has requested use of the Township's tennis courts for the remainder of the season as the High School courts are unusable. The Township agreed the High School could use the courts for this season.

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 #17-086 through #17-093(17-091 as amended) are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor.**

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-086
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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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-087
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 22, 2017 Township Committee Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the February 22, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-088
AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN MORRIS COUNTY AS A STIGMA FREE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, along with the Morris County Department of Human Services, supports the designation of Stigma-Free Communities in every municipality, and;

WHEREAS, at their April 27, 2016 meeting the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders unanimously passed a resolution supporting the designation of Morris County as a Stigma-Free Community, and;

WHEREAS, Morris County recognizes that one in four Americans has experienced mental illness, including substance use disorders, in a given year according to the National Institute of Mental Health, and;

WHEREAS, mental health problems are more common than cancer and heart disease combined, affecting children and adults, including more than half of our Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans treated at Veteran's Administration hospitals, and;

WHEREAS, given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions who need help; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease, and;

WHEREAS, Stigma-Free Communities aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of the disease of mental illness and create a culture wherein residents who have the disease of mental illness feel supported by their community and neighbors and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma and;

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no "health" without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed, and;

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WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat the disease of mental illness so no one resident needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless, and;

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma-Free Communities will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies are avoided;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Long Hill Township recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of the County of Morris in designating Long Hill Township as a Stigma-Free Community.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-089**

**SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Long Hill Township strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, Long Hill Township hereby acknowledges that the residents of Long Hill Township desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Long Hill Township wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path Long Hill Township is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of Long Hill Township, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within Long Hill Township on matters of sustainability, the Township Committee wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that we do hereby authorize Thomas Sweeney, Director of Department of Public Works, to serve as Long Hill Township's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize that he is to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of Long Hill Township.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-090
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP STAFF TO PROCESS AN INVOLUNTARY
DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill has employed Thomas Scala as a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Thomas Scala is an active member of the PFRS; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Thomas Scala has 22 years and 5 months of PFRS Service Credit, meeting the minimum service credit requirement of at least 4 years for PFRS and SPRS members; and

WHEREAS, the Township staff is of the opinion that Police Officer Thomas Scala is totally and permanently disabled and no longer can perform his assigned duties based on the documentation supplied by professionals retained by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill is unable to provide an alternative to the PFRS covered position with duties capable of being performed by said Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township Police Chief has consented to the processing of the Involuntary Disability Retirement application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township of Long, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to process an Involuntary Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Thomas Scala.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-091
AUTHORIZING SELF EXAMINATION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Long Hill has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2017 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Long Hill that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial

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Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

**RESOLUTION 17-092
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF PRE-ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE TO THE OFFICE OF THE
STATE COMPTROLLER**

WHEREAS, the Township owns a wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the Township has considered the sale of the wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the sale of the wastewater system will exceed \$10,000,000;
and

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WHEREAS, in order to pursue a sale of the wastewater system the Township would have to comply with certain laws including the State Comptroller statute (N.J.S.A. 52:15C-10) which requires notice to the State Comptroller as soon as a municipality is considering entering into a contract of \$10,000,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Comptroller statute, the Township intends to inform the State Comptroller that the Township is considering procuring a contract with a value that will likely exceed \$10,000,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize the submission of the Pre-Advertisement Notice to the Office of the State Comptroller pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:15C-10 in connection with the potential sale of the Township's wastewater system.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-093
AWARDING CONTRACT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN – SLUDGE REMOVAL
(ACCURATE WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES, INC.)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill received three (3) sealed bids for Wastewater Treatment Plan Sludge Removal on February 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the bids received were as follows:

Bidder	Total Base Bid
Accurate Waste	\$0.028 per gallon
R& D Trucking	\$0.029 per gallon
Russell Reid	\$0.0447 per gallon

WHEREAS, Accurate Waste Removal, Inc. of Mount Olive, NJ, submitted the lowest responsible bid at \$0.028 per gallon; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Accurate Waste Removal, Inc. has been reviewed by the Township Attorney and the Township Administrator and found acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator, serving as the Purchasing Agent recommends the award of the bid to Accurate Waste Removal, Inc. of Mount Olive, NJ; and

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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has filed a certification of availability of funds in the office of the Township Clerk, as required by the Local Budget Law;

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

1. The contract is hereby awarded to Accurate Waste Removal, Inc., 160 Gold Mine Road, Mount Olive, NJ J 07828.
2. The contract shall be in the amount of \$0.028 per gallon of sludge removed and delivered to the designated disposal facility.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract for Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION:

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE 395-17
CALENDAR YEAR 2017
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 0.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$339,364.41 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the governing body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively

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concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Long Hill shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$395,925.15 and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Township of Long Hill be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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, March 8, 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, April 12, 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.

MOVED by: Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Ordinance 395-17 is approved on first reading with the Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for April 12, 2017. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor.**

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION:

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE #396 -17**

**MAKING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE APPLICABLE TO PROPERTIES
IN FORECLOSURE AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER XVI OF
THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE"**

WHEREAS, vacant or abandoned buildings or structures can cause harm to the health, safety, and welfare of the community and its residents, including detriment to nearby properties, and increased risk of fire or public health and safety risks, and such vacant or abandoned structures may result in increased costs to the Township of Long Hill for police calls, fire calls, and property maintenance to protect the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12a, N.J.S.A. 46:10B-51 and other statutes authorize and

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permit municipalities to adopt an Ordinance to provide that the care, maintenance and security of vacant or abandoned structures upon which a Summons and Complaint in a foreclosure action has been filed shall be the responsibility of the foreclosing creditor, and to regulate the notification by foreclosing creditors to the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, the Township Committee adopts this Ordinance to require such notification and assist and allow such responsibilities to be placed upon the appropriate parties so that the detrimental effects regarding abandoned and vacated properties may be reduced or mitigated;

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 Chapter XVI of the Township Code, entitled “Property Maintenance”, is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 16-1 entitled “Property Maintenance” is hereby supplemented and amended by adding a new subsection 16-1.3A entitled “Responsibilities of Creditor in the Case of Properties in Foreclosure” which reads as follows:

16-1.3A Registration and Maintenance of Properties Pending Foreclosure.

16-1.3A.1 Purpose.

The intent of this Ordinance is to provide for the enforcement of the Township Property Maintenance Code and other applicable law against and to vacant and abandoned properties pending foreclosure.

16-1.3A.2 Responsibility for Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Properties in Foreclosure.

A creditor filing a Complaint in a foreclosure action shall be responsible for the care, maintenance, security, and upkeep of the exterior of the vacant and abandoned residential property. If the creditor is located out of the State of New Jersey, the creditor must

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appoint an in-State representative or agent to act for the foreclosing creditor.

16-1.3A.3 Service of Notice, Contents.

A. A creditor filing a Complaint in a foreclosure action on residential property located in the Township of Long Hill shall, within ten (10) days of serving the Summons and Complaint, serve the Township Clerk with a Notice advising that a Summons and Complaint in a foreclosure action has been filed against the subject property. The Notice shall contain and include the information set forth in (C) below and shall be provided by mail.

B. Any creditor that has filed a Complaint in a foreclosure action on any residential property which is pending in Superior Court shall provide to the Township Clerk with the Notice as described in (C) below for any residential properties in the Township for which the creditor has pending foreclosure actions.

C. The Notice shall state:

- (I) The name and contact information for the representative (located within the State of New Jersey) of the creditor who is responsible for property maintenance and will respond to Township communications regarding the property;
- (ii) Whether the property being foreclosed on is an affordable unit pursuant to the "Fair Housing Act";
- (iii) The street address, lot and block number of the property; and
- (iv) If the creditor is located out of State, the Notice should include the full name and contact information of the representative/agent located within the State of New Jersey authorized to act on behalf of the entity/creditor, accept service on behalf of the entity/creditor, and to receive and act on notifications regarding maintenance of the property in foreclosure.

16-1.3A.4 Responsibilities of Creditor Filing a Foreclosure Action as to vacant and Abandoned Property.

Any creditor having filed a Complaint in an action in foreclosure on a property, and that creditor having been notified by the Construction Code Official in writing that the property appears to be or is abandoned or vacant, shall be responsible within thirty (30) days of said notification as follows:

- (I) Investigate and inspect the property as required to determine if the property is abandoned and vacant, and notify the Construction Code

Official in writing of that determination.

- (ii) Secure the building and structure on the property from unauthorized entry.
- (iii) Perform such appropriate repairs or maintenance of the exterior grounds of the property, including yards, fences, sidewalks, walkways, driveways as may be needed or directed by the Construction Code Official so that the property is free from trash, debris, or excessive grass or weed growth, or safety hazards.
- (iv) Continue to maintain the structures in a secure condition and the grounds in a clean, properly maintained state.

16-1.3A.5 Violation of State or Local Law at Property on List; Responsibility of Creditor.

If the owner of a residential property vacates or abandons any property upon which a Complaint in a foreclosure action has been filed or if a property is otherwise vacated and/or abandoned subsequent to the filing of the Complaint in a foreclosure action, but prior to the vesting of title in any third party, the foreclosing creditor shall have the responsibility to abate any nuisance or correct any violations of the Property Maintenance Code and applicable law in the same manner and to the same extent as the title owner of the property, to such standard or specification as may be required by the Property Maintenance Code or applicable law.

16-1.3A.6 Notification of Violation.

In the event of a violation of the Property Maintenance Code or applicable law, the Township shall serve the creditor with a Notice that shall include a description of the condition(s) that gave rise to the violation and shall provide a period of thirty (30) days, or ten (10) days if the condition presents an imminent threat to public health and safety as determined by the Construction Code Official, for the creditor to remedy the violation or condition. The creditor must remedy and/or repair the conditions noticed within the specific period.

16-1.3A.7 Repair by Township.

If the Township expends public funds in order to abate a nuisance or correct a violation on a residential property in which the creditor was given notice pursuant to §16-1.3A.6, but failed to abate the nuisance or correct the violation as directed, the Township shall have the same recourse against the creditor as it would have had against the title owner of the property including but not limited to the recourse in the Property Maintenance Code an applicable law.

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16-1.3A.8 Enforcement.

The Code Enforcement officer is hereby authorized to enforce this Ordinance.

16-1.3A.9 Violation and Penalties.

Any person or corporation shall, upon conviction by any court having jurisdiction of a violation of this Section 16-1.3A, be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,500 per day commencing as of the date after the expiration of the ten (10) day period provided in §16-1.3A.3B. Any person or corporation upon conviction by any Court of a violation of §16-1.3A.5 and/or §16-1.3A.6 shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,500 per day, to commence thirty-one (31) days after receipt of the notice or, if the violation presented an imminent risk to public safety and health and was so noticed, commencing eleven (11) days after receipt of the notice.

Section 2. A copy of this Ordinance shall be sent to the New Jersey Bankers Association.

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, March 8, 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, April 12, 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.

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MOVED by: Committeeman Meringolo, that Ordinance #396-17 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the April 12, 2017 Meeting.

SECONDED by: Committeeman Piserchia, **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor.**

SECOND READING/ADOPTION:

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE #393-17**

**CONCERNING PARKING REGULATIONS ON SOMERSET STREET AND AMENDING
CHAPTER VII OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"**

***Statement of Purpose:** To amend the traffic code by adding the south side as well as the dead-end portion of Somerset Street east of Main Avenue to the list of streets where parking is prohibited at all times.*

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 amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 7-14 entitled "Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets" is supplemented and amended by adding the south side and the dead-end portion of Somerset Street east of Main Avenue, in alphabetical order, as follows:

7-14 PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALLTIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS.

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any streets or parts thereof described.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Somerset Street	South (and the dead-end portion)	East of Main Avenue

Section 2. The effectiveness of this ordinance is contingent upon signs being erected as required by law.

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.

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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 February 8, 2017 and then considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on March 8, 2017 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, when and where or at any 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.

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MOVED by Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Ordinance #393-17 is hereby adopted. **SECOND** by: Deputy Mayor Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor.**

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

2017 Municipal Budget of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, for the fiscal year 2017. **Revenue and Appropriation Summaries – Administrator Henry and Finance Director Leonard Ho reviewed the Budget process with the Committee and gave feedback on some questions the Committee had asked at the last meeting.**

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RESOLUTION #17-094
INTRODUCTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2017; and

BE IT RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the Echoes Sentinel in the issue for March 16, 2017; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Long Hill does hereby approve the Budget for the year 2017.

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated
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	2017	2016
1. Surplus	970,000	720,000
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	3,776,841	3,823,112
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	580,000	530,000
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	9,516,732	9,516,732
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Library Tax	580,689	590,760
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	10,097,421	10,107,492
Total General Revenues	15,424,262	15,180,604

Summary of Appropriations	2017 Budget	2016 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	5,001,000	4,977,400
Other Expenses	5,889,992	5,776,414
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	1,337,976	1,338,132
3. Capital Improvements	240,000	160,000
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	2,000,000	2,000,000
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	955,294	928,658
Total General Appropriations	15,424,262	15,180,604
Total Number of Employees	76	75

2016 Parking Utility Budget

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2017	2016
1. Surplus		
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	50,000	50,000
3. Deficit (General Budget)		
Total General Revenues	50,000	50,000
Summary of Appropriations	2017 Budget	Final 2016 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	10,000	10,000
1. Operating Expenses: Other Expenses	30,000	30,000
2. Capital Improvements	10,000	10,000
3. Debt Service		
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
Total General Appropriations	50,000	50,000
Total Number of Employees	1	1

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Balance of Outstanding Debt				
	General	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Utility-Other
Interest	2,082,600			
Principal	15,124,200			
Total Outstanding Balance	17,206,800			

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, on March 8, 2017.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Long Hill Township Municipal Building , on April 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the entire budget are available in the office of Deborah Brooks, Township Clerk at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, NJ, or by calling (908) 647-8000 during the hours of 9 AM to 4 PM.

MOVED by: Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #17-094, for the introduction of the 2017 Budget is hereby approved on first reading with the public hearing and final adoption scheduled for April 12, 2017 **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia.
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

- **Warren Ave Street Vacation**
As part of his Planning Board Site Plan Application, Mr. Wang needed authorization from the Township Committee to vacate a portion of Warren Avenue in order to increase the size of his parking lot. After a brief discussion, on motion from Committeeman Meringolo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rae, the Committee unanimously voted to allow the vacation with the caveat that Township Engineer Ferriero confirmed with the Vision Committee that they had no plans to put trails in that area. Attorney Pidgeon will draw up the Ordinance for the next meeting agenda.
- **Proposal for Program for Additional Garbage Pick Up –** In follow up to some residents reporting they were regularly exceeding their garbage amount, Administrator Henry had reached out to Midco and they are proposing to sell the Township 1000 30 gallon trash bags imprinted with the Township name. Residents can come to the Municipal Clerk’s office and purchase the bags for \$6.00 each. These are for household waste only. There is no limit on the number of bags that can be put out each week. The Committee authorized the Additional Garbage Pick Up program.
- **Tow Rate Increase –** One of the Towing Companies the Township uses has asked for the Township to update its rates as they have not been updated since 2009. The

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Committee directed Administrator Henry to come back with information on rates from other towns so a decision can be made whether or not to increase our rates.

OLD BUSINESS/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- The pre-application process for the Land Diversion is moving forward.
- The Vision Committee is gearing up to move forward with the trail plans and will be applying for grants shortly.
- Schoolhouse repairs are progressing nicely.
- The Administrator will be looking for new vendors that can handle the quarterly newsletter production.
- The sidewalk project for Northfield, Main and Central streets will start in April. The PD will make sure school pedestrians are safe.
- The 2016 Kantor Park Trail Grant will be ready for Bid shortly.
- The Land Use Efficiency Committee continues its work and has requested the Township Committee amend the escrow Ordinance to reschedule the application fees to \$1800.
- The Energy Audit is moving forward.
- The Valley Road water main replacement work is going smoothly.
- The first Traffic Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13th.
- On Mountain Avenue between Valley Road and Cottage the wattage of the streetlights will be increased from 50 to 100 to address pedestrian safety concerns.
- The search for a new phone system is progressing – it is down to two systems and there will be a meeting later in March to pick the final system.
- Sponsor letters will be sent out to replenish the Promotional Enhancement budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committeeman Meringolo brought up a question from a resident of why the Rte 78 sign on exit 40 says Gillette and not Long Hill Township. The Committee decided not to petition the DOT to change it.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Anonymous People Documentary – Watchung Hill Regional High School, April 3, 2017
Time: 7:00 PM, Doors Open 6:30
- Morris County Public Safety Youth Academy - Enroll Now for 5th Annual Academy -
Space is limited! : <http://morrisoem.wixsite.com/mcpsya17>

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Dennis Sandow hopes the potholes on his street will be dealt with in a timely manner and posited the possibility of repurposing the sewer lines from the demolished properties for a secondary market.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Deputy Mayor Rae, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Approved March 22, 2017.