

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**

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 #17-256  
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

Contract Negotiations

- Recycling Contract
- Environmental Study – Land Diversion

Personnel

- Recreation Dept./Town Hall/Communications

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minutes of this executive session meeting will be released to the public in a timely fashion pursuant to the Open Public Records Act and other applicable laws and regulations.

**MOVED** by: \_\_\_\_\_ of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #17-256 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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Mayor Schuler opened the meeting at 7:32 PM.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman Dorsi, Committeeman Meringolo (entered at 8:31pm), Committeeman Piserchia, Deputy Mayor Rae and Mayor Schuler were present.

**PROCLAMATION:** The Mayor read the Proclamation for Anti-bullying month and Watchung Hills Regional High School students Alanna Margulies, Helen Yang and Stella DeMizio spoke briefly about the program at the high school and the upcoming “Wear White Against Bullying” day in October.

**PRESENTATION:** Police Chief Mazzeo presented Medical Assistance Awards to Sgt. Gelino, Ofc. Kiseli and Ofc. Roberts for assisting in a successful CPR resuscitation. Robert English, from the First Aid Squad also praised the EMTs Lisa Scanlon, Carly Snyder, John Givens, Ethel Ross, Jim Dellureficio, Michele Lipkin, Robert Hovanec, Gordon Redgate, George Nigro, Jonathan Fessock and two Paramedics Michell Russell and Scott

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Levine for a job well done. Patient George Deppner expressed his gratitude to all who had come to his aid and stated that the Township is lucky to have such an excellent group of first aid volunteers.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayoral Appointment:

Environmental Commission

- Mr. Terry Carruthers

Expiration of Term

Unexp. Term 12/31/2019

Township Committee Appointments

Appoint Administrator Malool to the following:

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| • Promotion and Enhancement Advisory Committee | December 31, 2017 |
| • Wastewater Management Advisory Committee     | December 31, 2017 |
| • "Passaic Valley Park" Vision Sub Committee   | December 31, 2017 |
| • Communications Advisory Committee            | December 31, 2017 |
| • Traffic Advisory Committee                   | December 31, 2017 |

On motion by Deputy Mayor Rae, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia, the Township Committee does hereby appoint Administrator Malool to the above Committees.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor. Meringolo absent.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

Committeeman Dorsi – no report

Deputy Mayor Rae – no report

Committeeman Piserchia - no report

Committeeman Meringolo:

- School is open, please drive carefully.
- HPAC met and the Cooper Headstone project was awarded to Bolash Landscapers. Construction should begin shortly.

Committeeman Piserchia:

- The County removed two dead trees from 873 Meyersville Road.
- First Aid Squad answered 49 calls in August – Thank you for their continued dedication and service.
- Paving will begin on Valley Road and Meyersville Road in the next week or so. Please drive carefully.
- OEM Director Shayne Daley noted that September is National Preparedness Month. Please register with the Long Hill Twp. Emergency Notification System. Also FEMA has put out updated Flood Maps.

Deputy Mayor Rae: 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.*

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**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolutions #17-257 through #17-262 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in Favor. Meringolo absent

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-257  
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 17-258  
APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby approve and release the Township Committee Minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Township Committee Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the September 13th, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-259  
Conference Approval – Sweeney**

**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 memo from DPW Director Tom Sweeney requesting to be able to attend the NJLOM Convention in Atlantic City from November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-260  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT  
WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MORRISTOWN  
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 2 PROJECT**

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as the application ID 00089 from NJDOT SAGE to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Long Hill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant

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agreement on behalf of the Township of Long hill and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-261  
CORRECTING RESOLUTION 17-176**

**WHEREAS**, it has been brought to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer that there was an error in Resolution 17-176 which established rates of pay for Township of Long Hill Summer Recreation Camp Personnel for the year 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended the error be corrected.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill hereby directs the Chief Financial Officer to correct the rate of pay for Joshua Hansen from an hourly rate of \$8.75 to \$9.00 per hour and to pay the retroactive wages to Mr. Hansen.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-262  
AUTHORIZING A SEWER CONNECTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 40 STIRLING STREET  
(BLOCK 13107, LOT 8)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township is currently subject to a voluntary sewer ban; and

**WHEREAS**, Judee Beyer-Greenspan, the owner of property located at 40 Stirling Street (Block 13107, Lot 8) has requested authorization to connect to the Township's sanitary sewer system;

**WHEREAS**, the Township has adopted by reference the NJDEP sewer ban exemption criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-22.22; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 7:14A-22.22 provides in relevant part that:

“A sewer ban exemption may be granted for projects . . . if the proposed project will have a total projected flow of 600 gallons per day or less . . . [and] will be constructed and/or operated on a tax lot which was in existence prior to the effective date of the ban . . . and the proposed project does not require a sewer extension . . . .”; and

**WHEREAS**, the property located at 40 Stirling Street (Block 13107, Lot 8) meets those exemption criteria;

**WHEREAS**, Section 22-3.1 of the Township Code ordinarily requires a connection fee of \$10,120, however, Code Section 22-3.2 goes on to provide that:

“Single family residences which were in existence on December 28, 1983 shall be exempt from the connection fees set forth in Subsection 22-3.1. Any single family residence which was in existence on December 28, 1983 and which connects to the Township Wastewater Treatment System on or after February 19, 1992 shall be responsible only for a connection fee of \$630.00.”; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that Ms. Beyer-Greenspan's house was built in 1952;

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**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 Judee Beyer-Greenspan is hereby granted permission to connect her property located at 40 Stirling Street (Block 13107, Lot 8), to the Township wastewater treatment system upon payment of the \$630 connection fee in accordance with Section 22-3.2 of the Township Code entitled "Exemptions."

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-263  
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO FILE CERTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REVIEW OF 2017 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the State of New Jersey Fiscal Year Appropriations Act, (PL 2011, c.85), the Division of Local Government Services has distributed the 2017 Best Practices Inventory to municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, a component of the inventory is a public review of the completed inventory by the respective governing body's;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, the inventory has been completed by the Chief Finance Officer on September 22, 2017 and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to file the necessary certification to the Division of Local Government Services.

**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #17-263 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. Meringolo absent.

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**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- Valley Road Development Hardship Application - Dave Checchio of Elite Properties gave a brief presentation on the reason for requesting approval to submit a hardship waiver request from the DEP for the Redevelopment project on Valley Road. After some discussion on whether or not to leave the proposed number of units in the letter, the Committee voted to approve Elite to proceed with the waiver application.

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RESOLUTION 17-264**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPLICATION ELITE PROPERTIES IS FILING WITH NJDEP FOR A  
HARDSHIP WAIVER UNDER THE FLOOD HAZARD AREA RULES IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
VALLEY ROAD REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee, in accordance with the Planning Board's

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recommendation, adopted Resolution 16-251 on August 17, 2016 designating Lots 6, 31 and 32 in Block 11514, and Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 10401 as a condemnation area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee after issuing a Request for Proposals, authorized the Township to enter into negotiations with Elite Properties to become the “authorized developer” for the property; and

**WHEREAS**, pending adoption of the redevelopment plan and execution of the redevelopment agreement, Elite Properties, as part of its due diligence, is filing an application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) for a hardship waiver under the NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Rules;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Long Hill hereby supports the application of Elite Properties for a hardship waiver from the Flood Hazard Area Rules and the Mayor is authorized and directed to send a letter to NJDEP supporting and consenting to the filing of that application.

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #17-264 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes:** Meringolo, Piserchia, Rae, **No:** Schuler **Abstain:** Dorsi

- Parking Permit fees (Resolution #17-253)

**RESOLUTION #17-253  
APPROVAL OF 2018 TRAIN STATION PARKING FEES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following are the fees for the 2018 Train Station Parking Permits of the Township of Long Hill:

Millington Train Station	Yearly \$240.00	After July 1 <sup>st</sup> \$120.00
Stirling Train Station	Yearly \$290.00	After July 1 <sup>st</sup> \$145.00
Gillette Train Station	Yearly \$340.00	After July 1 <sup>st</sup> \$170.00
Daily (Millington Only)	\$ 5.00	

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township shall sell 150 parking permits for Millington Train Station, 65 parking permits for Stirling Train Station and 140 parking permits for the Gillette Train Station. Sale date is scheduled for Monday, **December 4, 2017**.

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #17-253 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes:** Dorsi, Piserchia, Rae, Schuler **No:** Meringolo

- Solicitation Ordinance Language - After a brief discussion, the Committee directed Attorney Pidgeon to look into writing a "No Knock" ordinance .
- Temporary Overnight Parking on Twp. Property – The Committee approved Nelson Trees to park their trucks/employee vehicles at Stirling Lake during the next few weeks as they complete the tree trimming for JCP&L.
- American Legion – Property and Land Disposition – The Committee requested Attorney Pidgeon draw up a resolution accepting the deed for the property from the American Legion and if the Legion does not want the property that is remaining in the building, the Township will donate it to the Elks.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Wastewater Referendum:** Committeeman Piserchia answered some questions from some citizens regarding the Wastewater Referendum and urged the public to attend the meetings being offered by NJAW and to reach out to the Committee with any questions.

**ROSSI Properties:** The Committee directed Township engineer Ferriero to review the list of ROSSI properties in order to determine if any action should be taken to try and get them removed from the ROSSI list.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Vehicle Use Policy:** Administrator advised Committeeman Dorsi that she would be addressing this issue in the upcoming months as she reviewed and updated the personnel policy manual.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- October 28<sup>th</sup> – Friends of the Library Shredding Fundraiser – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Questions email [longhillfol@gmail.com](mailto:longhillfol@gmail.com)
- Antique Car Show October 1<sup>st</sup> 10am to 4pm.
- Long Hill Senior Center Rummage Sale – October 14<sup>th</sup> 9am to 3 pm, October 15<sup>th</sup> 10am to 2pm  
Collecting items until October 4<sup>th</sup>. Call 908-626-1101.
- Friends of the Library Trivia Night October 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm to 10pm, doors open at 6pm. \$10 per person. Maximum 6 people per team.
- Millington Fire Dept. Oktoberfest – September 30<sup>th</sup> , noon to 11:30pm
- Flu Shots October 18<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. Residents \$25, Non-Residents \$35 No charge with valid Medicare Part B card. No appointment needed.
- FORCE Tiger Tracks 5K Race – October 29<sup>th</sup> 7am to 10:30am at Central Middle School
- Millington Downtown Day – October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Safe Care Cams- NJ Division of consumer Affairs 800-242-5864
- Halloween Parade – October 22, 3PM Kantor Park
- Obstacle Course Day – October 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 5pm. Pre-Register on Community Pass

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- Public Work Session for Stirling – September 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm to 9:30pm – Senior Center
- Public Work Session for Millington – October 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm to 9:30 Pm – Senior Center
- NJAW Information session dates: 10/2/17, 10/7/17, 10/17/17, and 10/30/17.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Gary Gianakis asked for and received clarification on future sewer hook ups if the referendum passed and also noted that he thought the approval for Elite to apply for the waiver with the unit numbers still in the letter was a tacit agreement to those number.

John Bangs reported several of the manholes in town did not have any runoff plugs in them. He went on at length about possible affordable housing issues and environmental issues in town.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Rae, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia, all in favor, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm. and the Committee returned to Executive session. The meeting would be adjourned at the end of the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

Approved October 11, 2017