

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
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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 #17-265
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

- Emergency Services
- DPW

Personnel

- Personnel Matter
- Staffing update

Anticipated Litigation

- Zoning violation

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 Meringolo of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #17-265 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Schuler opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayoral Appointment with Approval of Township Committee:

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| | | <u>Expiration of Term</u> |
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| Library Board of Trustees | Joanna Askey | Term 12/31/2017 (Unexp.) |
| Green Team Advisory | Steve Gruber | Term 12/31/2018 |
| Green Team Advisory | Phyllis Fast | Term 12/31/2018 |
| Green Team Advisory | Kathy Pfeil | Term 12/31/2018 |

On motion by Committeeman Piserchia, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia, that the above Mayoral appointments to the Library Board of Trustees and Green Team Advisory Committee are hereby confirmed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Committeeman Dorsi:

- DPW is still filling potholes because the weather is warm – please report any potholes through the website
- Another Styrofoam load has been recycled for a total of 5.46 tons year to date
- Please continue donating your fluorescent bulbs
- Crack sealing is still ongoing
- There is still mulch available from the DPW

Deputy Mayor Rae – no report

Committeeman Meringolo:

- Cooper headstone project is almost completed and should be finished shortly.

Committeeman Piserchia:

- He and the Mayor had attended 2 town halls for the continuing discussion of the upcoming wastewater referendum. He is encouraging all residents to come out and educate themselves on this issue before the vote in November.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

The following items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the Agenda.

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolutions #17-266 through #17-269 and #17-271 through #17-276 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in Favor.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-266
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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bills list be appended to the official minutes.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-267
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 27th, 2017 Township Committee Meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the September 27th, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-268
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS**

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning coordinator, Township Engineer, Board Engineer, Board Attorney, Township Planner have confirmed that there are no outstanding invoices and have approved the release of the following escrows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the following escrows as per N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1.

Developer's Escrow

| | |
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| Ed Dasilva – App#15-04P | \$1,526.92 |
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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-269
CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH STIRLING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR NEW JERSEY
STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that the following **Christopher Hoffman** is an active member of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Company and is eligible to be a member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-271
RESOLUTION AWARDDING LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF
A GROUND FACILITY IN SUPPORT OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY WITHIN PSE&G
EASEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township accepted bids on September 22, 2015 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law for the leasing of approximately 3, 615 square feet (including the footprint of

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the tower) within the PSE&G easement area on property owned by the Township and known as Lot 5 in Block 13402, as described in and in accordance with the bid documents; and

WHEREAS, the only bid in the amount of \$15,000 per annum to be increased by 2-1/2 percent annually during the initial and renewal terms was submitted by Cellco Partnership, the general partner, on behalf of New York FMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless;

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

1. The lease for the real property described in the preamble is hereby awarded to New York FMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless in accordance with its bid dated September 22, 2017.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the land lease agreement that was included in the bid package with relevant information inserted.
3. This award is contingent upon the lessee submitting all required certificates of insurance, as well as any other documents required by the bid specifications.
4. A copy of the fully-executed lease shall be maintained in the office of the Township Clerk and shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-272
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECYCLING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill ("Township") entered into an agreement on November 12, 2015 with the Republic Services of NJ, LLC, d/b/a MIDCO Waste ("Republic") to "perform . . . garbage and recycling service in the Township in conformity and in accordance with the proposal and specifications hereto annexed"; and

WHEREAS, Republic currently collects recycling in the entire Township on a revolving every other week basis on Wednesdays; and

WHEREAS, Republic has submitted a request for a change order allowing it to collect recycling in Zones #1 and #5 on the existing schedule and Zones #2, #3 and #4 on alternating Wednesdays, so that Republic will have trucks collecting recycling in some areas of the Township on every Wednesday; and

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WHEREAS, Republic has offered to pay the Township \$2,500 per year for the duration of this contract to compensate the Township for this change order; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.93 sets forth the general requirements for all change orders; and

WHEREAS, this change order does not increase the cost of the contract, but rather provides for an annual payment of \$2,500 to the Township;

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 Change Order #1 which provides for the annual payment to the Township of \$2,500 in return for allowing Republic to change the recycling collection dates as described in the preamble is hereby approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-273
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION BY AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL POST #484 TO THE
TOWNSHIP OF LOTS 7 AND 17 IN BLOCK 11510**

WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township American Legion Memorial Post #484 acquired title to Lot 17 in Block 11510 from the Township by quitclaim deed dated May 26, 1980; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Memorial Post #484 acquired title to real property located on Somerset Street and known a lot 7 in block 11510 by deed from Vito C. Armenti and Anthony M. Falzarano dated December 13, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the deed from the Township for Lot 17 contained the following reverter clause:

“Said land is hereby conveyed by quitclaim and shall be used only for the purposes of such American Legion Post and not for commercial business trade or manufacture, and if said lands are not used in accordance with said limitation, title thereto shall revert to the Township of Passaic, its successor or assigns, without any entry or reentry made thereon on behalf of the said Township of Passaic.”; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Post #484 is no longer functioning and has offered to convey both properties to the Township;

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

1. The Township hereby accepts the donation by Long Hill Township American Legion Post #484 of lot 7 in block 11510 by bargain and sale deed with Covenants against grantors acts, in form acceptable to the

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Township Attorney.

2. The Township hereby accepts the donation by Long Hill Township American Legion Post #484 of lot 17 in block 11510 by quitclaim deed, in form acceptable to the Township Attorney. This quitclaim deed will merely confirm the reverter to the Township as set forth in the May 26, 1980 deed from the Township to the American Legion Post.
3. The Township Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to record both deeds after they have been properly executed by the American Legion.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-274
APPROVING AMENDED COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey has proposed amendments to the Township's Community Forestry Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission has requested that the Township Committee review the proposed amendments to Community Forestry Plan and approve said amended plan and authorize the Shade Tree Commission to file the amended Community Forestry Plan with the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1L-17.7;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill hereby approves the amendments to the Township Community Forestry Plan as prepared by the Shade Tree Commission and authorizes the Shade Tree Commission to submit the amended plan to the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1L-17.7.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-275
APPROVING USE OF HICKS TRACT –
CUB SCOUT DEN 12**

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 number S-17-24 for the event to the Cub Scout Den 12, for their Special Event to be held on November 4th and 5th, 2017 at the Hicks Tract.

RESOLUTION #17-276

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**APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE
[LORD STIRLING SCHOOL GREAT SWAMP DEVIL RUN]**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey upon the advice of the Township Clerk, that all documents have been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby authorize the Township Clerk to approve and sign the application and approve License Number S-17-23 for the event to the "Sponsor" Lord Stirling School Run for the Great Swamp Devil Run Fundraiser to be held 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM on November 19, 2017; at the Lord Stirling School, 99 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

RESOLUTIONS:

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RESOLUTION #17-270**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH CHRISTOPHER BOLASH
LANDSCAPING, LLC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPER TOMBSTONE/TURTLE PARK PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee awarded a contract to Christopher Bolash Landscaping, LLC.

in the amount of \$29,950.00; and

WHEREAS, Township Administrator Nancy Malool has recommended approval of the following change orders:

| Change Order # | Description | Amount | Net Amount of Contract |
|----------------|---|---------|------------------------|
| 1 | Relocation of paver sidewalk in order to maintain 5% slope or less, thereby increasing the length of the sidewalk by 110 square feet. | \$1,500 | \$31,450 |

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

1. Change order number 1 as described in the preamble is hereby approved.
2. This change order shall be charged to Historic Open Space Trust. Certification of available funds by the Township Chief Financial Officer shall be attached to the original of this resolution and shall be maintained in the files of the Township Clerk.

On motion by Committeeman Meringolo, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia, the Township Committee of Long Hill does hereby approve Resolution #17-270

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

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

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- Open Space Tree Commission requested to hire a Landscape Architect. The Committee determined it was not necessary at the moment.
- Solicitor Ordinance – The Committee directed Attorney Pidgeon to have an Ordinance for introduction at the next meeting establishing a “No Knock” registry and “No Solicitor’s Allowed” stickers for residents homes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Off street parking in Stirling Village: After some discussion Deputy Mayor Rae moved and Committeeman Meringolo seconded the Township Committee of Long Hill suspend the requirements of off street parking in the B15 zone (Downtown Stirling) for 120 days. Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- October 17th – Last day to register to vote
- October 28th – Friends of the Library Shredding Fundraiser – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Questions email longhillfol@gmail.com
- Long Hill Senior Center Rummage Sale – October 14th 9am to 3 pm, October 15th 10am to 2pm
- Flu Shots October 18th 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 29th 7am to 10:30am at Central Middle School
- Millington Downtown Day – October 15th 11am to 3pm. (NJAW will have a booth for answering questions on the upcoming referendum vote to sell the wastewater system)
- Halloween Parade – October 22, 3PM Kantor Park
- Obstacle Course Day – October 14th 2pm to 5pm. Pre-Register on Community Pass
- NJAW Information session dates: 10/17/17, and 10/30/17.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Lisa Lazar requested the Township Committee stay on top of the economic growth and tax situation in the township as she was concerned that increasing taxes and foreclosures could negatively affect the quality of life of the Township.

On motion by Committeeman Piserchia, seconded by Committeeman Meringolo, all in favor, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 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 25, 2017