

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

Mayor Piserchia 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 the Courier News. Notice was also posted on the Township Website. The notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 3, 2018 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 #18-252
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:

Contract:

- Wastewater system

Personnel:

- OEM Pay Scale
- DPW staffing

Contract Negotiations:

- PBA

Investigations:

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 #18-252 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Rae
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.

Mayor Piserchia opened the meeting at 7:40pm.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Piserchia, Deputy Mayor Dorsi, Committeeman Meringolo, Committeeman Schuler and Committeeman Rae were present. Also present were Attorney Jack Pidgeon, Administrator Nancy Malool and Township Clerk Deborah Brooks.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Committeeman Dorsi: No report.

Committeeman Rae: No report

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Committeeman Meringolo: Reported that he attended the quarterly LEPC meeting , that OEM had held a basic training class with the County and multiple municipalities, and reminded residents to sign up for ALERT Longhill.

Committeeman Schuler: Reported the Recreation Committee had met last night and will be moving forward in looking at a future capital plan for the possible replacement of the Town's play grounds.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- The Central/Passaic park clean-up has been approved by the DEP and the Township should be receiving the remaining money, approximately \$30,000, from the Flood Acquisition project.
- The FLAP grant to pave Pleasant Plains Road is moving forward. The cost is projected to be around \$459,000, with a 20% match required from the Township.
- The Township has received checks for approximately \$41,000 from FEMA for storms Riley and Quinn and we are expected to receive further checks with a possible total of about \$200,000.
- The Committee authorized the Ms. Barbara Grillo to order the smaller banner size for the Veterans Banner program.

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 Schuler of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #18-253 through #18-264 (18-255 as amended), are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION 18-253
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.

**RESOLUTION 18-254
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 12, 2018 Township Committee Special Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the September 12, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-255
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ROAD OPENING PERMIT BOND
TO TERENCE GOLDEN**

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WHEREAS; TERENCE GOLDEN (“Contractor”) posted a road opening permit bond for electrical service for 26 Metzler Place (Block 10501, Lot 8.02); and

WHEREAS, due to a change in design a road opening permit for electrical service was not needed; and

WHEREAS, Township Engineer, Paul Ferriero has approved the release of the road opening permit bond in the amount of \$2,300 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.a.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey that the bond is hereby released:

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-256
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
FOR MITCHELL ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECT
[REIVAX CONSTRUCTION]**

1. **WHEREAS;** Reivax Contracting Corp. (“Contractor”) has completed the Mitchell Road Drainage Improvement Phase II Project; and
2. **WHEREAS,** Reivax Contracting Corp. posted Performance Bond No. 2255484 for the specified work made payable to the Township of Long Hill; and
3. **WHEREAS,** the Contractor has served notice upon the Township in accordance with the requirements of *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53* that the specified work have been completed and has requested the return of its performance bond; and
4. **WHEREAS,** Township Engineer Paul Ferriero, in an September 18, 2018 memorandum, approved the release of the performance bond in exchange for a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$10,295.85 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.a.2 for a two (2) year period; and
5. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey as follows:
 1. The Maintenance Bond is accepted pending Township Attorney approval
 2. The Performance Bond is hereby released.
 3. Final Payment is authorized in the amount of \$2,059.17

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-257
CERTIFYING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE STIRLING
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that **KEVIN BADGER** is a Junior Member of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-258
ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP PARKS**

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WHEREAS, Township Code Section 11-2 provides that:

“Rules and regulations applicable to Township parks and recreational facilities may be adopted by the Township Committee by resolution. Those rules and regulations are incorporated herein by reference and are enforceable pursuant to [Township Code] Section 11-3”; and

WHEREAS, Township Code Section 11-3 provides that:

“Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, including any rules and regulations adopted by the Township Committee by resolution pursuant to Section 11-2 . . . , shall be liable to the penalties stated in Chapter I, Section 1-5 of [the Township Code]; and

WHEREAS, the Township Recreation Advisory Committee has recommended adoption of the “Long Hill Township Recreation Department Park Rules and Regulations” that are attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-2 of the Township Code, as follows:

1. The Long Hill Township Recreation Department Park Rules and Regulations, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby adopted, effective immediately.
2. These park rules and regulations shall remain in full force and effect until further action of the Township Committee.
3. In accordance with the provisions of Section 11-3 of the Township Code, any person who violates any of these rules and regulations shall be liable to the penalties stated in Section 1-5 of the Township Code.
4. The Township Recreation Director, ~~in her discretion, may~~ shall post copies of relevant sections of these rules and regulations at the various Township Parks and Recreation Facilities.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-259
APPROVING USE OF HICKS TRACT BOY SCOUT TROOP 59**

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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-18-17 for Boy Scout Troop 59 of Stirling to use the Hicks Tract to hold their annual festivities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Troop 59 is authorized the use of Hicks Tract on December 15th, 16th and 19th for their "Christmas in the Woods" program as per letter dated September 10, 2018.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-260
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE
[Oktoberfest]**

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 18-16 for the event to the "Sponsor" Millington Volunteer Fire Company, for their Special Event, to be held 12:00 PM – 11:30PM on September 29, 2018.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-261**

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the River Road Improvement Project

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Long Hill Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as application ID 00301 from NJDOT SAGE to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Long Hill.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-262**

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Dogwood Terrace Bike Path Project

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Long Hill Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as application ID 00020 from NJDOT SAGE to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Long Hill.

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

**RESOLUTION #18-263
APPROVAL OF 2019 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 2019 Train Station Parking Permits of the Township of Long Hill:

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

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 3, 2018**.

**This was read in at the time of the meeting
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RESOLUTION 18-264
INCREASE HOURS TEMPORARY PART TIME LABORER
[Calleo Jr.]**

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

1. Upon the advice and recommendation of Interim Director of Public Works Al Gallo, that Darren Calleo Jr., Laborer, weekly hours increase from 14.5 hours/week to 20 hours/week.
2. This appointment shall be effective immediately.

DISCUSSION:

- Film Location Approval – Scott Morris – The Committee authorized Mr. Morris to gain entry to the Passaic River at the DPW location to film his documentary about a Kayak trip down the Passaic River. Mr. Morris will pay a DPW worker to be on site on filming day.

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- HPAC Report/Millington School House – After a lengthy discussion, the Committee directed HPAC, the Historical Society, and Recreation Director Scanlon to work together and come up with a plan for the use of the various spaces at Millington Schoolhouse. Ms. Malool noted that the JIF reported it would cost \$5000 to insure the Historical Society's use of the space. Ms. Carol Prasa questioned the committee about where the funds for the various uses of the school house would come from.
- Dog Park- Dir. Scanlon gave a presentation on the requirements of dog parks, and reviewed the costs for two possible sites. Kantor Park, which would be a quarter acre site, would cost approximately \$23,000 and the Laura Drive site, which is a three acre site, would cost approximately \$100,000 to install.

The Mayor opened the discussion to the public on this topic only.

- Geno Moschetti requested there be a fee associated with "membership" at the dog park.
- Joe Ferrandino voiced opposition to spending tax dollars on a dog park.
- Cheryl Killeen, Laura Drive, was concerned with cleanliness, noise etc. and the effect it would have on the neighborhood.
- Mathengi Srinivas, Laura Drive, agreed with Ms. Killeen and was concerned with non-resident use of the park and the park maintenance.
- Robin Green, Laura Drive, was concerned that the dog park would cause decrease in home values, would increase noise and traffic in the neighborhood and requested a greater effort in seeing if the residents were, in fact, in favor of a dog park.
- Neil Lorber requested better enforcement by the Police of dogs off leash in the parks.
- Prasanti Repaka, Laura Drive, did not want the park in her neighborhood and was concerned with non-resident use of the park.
- Patrick Linden read a letter he wrote in support of the dog park.
- Yundong Chi-Zhang, Laura Drive, supported the idea of a dog park, but in Kantor Park, not on Laura Drive. She mentioned issues such as maintenance, noise, safety and lighting.
- Bruce Stanwood, Gillette, was in favor of the dog park, noting it is a community gathering place and was in favor of the park being established in Kantor Park which is already a recreational gathering site for Long Hill residents.
- Eric Seldin, Laura Drive, was against the dog park in the Laura Drive location and noted the ideal park needed a buffer from residents. He was concerned about misbehaved dogs and their people and was concerned the most popular time of dog park use would be during rush hour and the street cannot handle the increase of traffic safely.
- Christina Pabin was in support of the dog park being established in Kantor Park.
- Charles Arentowicz, Millington, suggested surveying the 847 dog owners in Long Hill to see if there is a great desire for a dog park. He also suggested it be a self-funding park.
- Ted Laffey thought there was no real need for a dog park and wondered if we had any idea of the number of people that might actually use the park.

The Committee noted the decision for this would be on the October 24th agenda.

- Gillette Train Station Lighting: Ms. Malool reviewed the proposed purchase of three lights for the Gillette Train Station including the JCP&L costs, DPW trenching costs, electrician costs and cost of the lights themselves. The total will be approximately \$10,800. After some discussion, the Committee directed Administrator Malool to reach out to the few residents possibly impacted by the lighting to see if they had any concerns.
- RFP – Architect Services- The Committee authorized going out for an RFP to compete a

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feasibility study to bring the Police Department into the main Town Hall Building.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

- The Committee authorized an additional \$_____ towards the purchase of a new police department vehicle. These funds will come from the Mayor Special Projects line item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Flu Shots Wednesday October 17th, Town Hall. Residents \$25, Non-Residents \$35. No charge with valid Medicare Part B card.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Brian Snead wanted to know if there was any further progress towards finalizing the no-parking on Railroad Ave. The Committee feels the opening of the train station parking and extended parking hours on Main St. are addressing the problem. They are still considering the no-parking question for Railroad Ave.
- Tom Grosskopf, Gillette, wanted to know when Milton Road was scheduled to be paved. The Committee directed DPW Director Al Gallo follow up with Mr. Grosskopf.
- Charles Arentowicz wanted to know whether the results of the Fire Department Study were back. They are due shortly. He also received confirmation from Committeeman Meringolo that the redevelopment project was still moving forward with Elite properties continuing to look for sites to put the residential component of the project on. He also wanted to know who was being held accountable for the mismanagement of the DeMaio project.
- Geno Moscetti did not want Mr. Morris to film his documentary at the DPW site – he didn't like the way it would depict Long Hill.
- Joe Ferrandino voiced his displeasure at the handling of the DeMaio project management.
- Cathy O'Leary spoke at length against the paving of Oaks Road. After contentious discussion the Committee, on motion of Committeeman Rae and seconded by Committeeman Schuler, passed unanimously, put a hold on the Notice to Proceed for the Oaks Road Paving job. They noted Township Engineer Paul Ferriero will be at the October 10th meeting to answer any questions from the public.
- Tom Jones was in favor of paving Oaks Road. Amended as per email from Mr. Jones: "Tom Jones raised the question\concern over the sediment that was flowing off Oaks Rd into the Passaic River and the environmental impact it is having. The need for dredging to mitigate flooding due to sediment buildup. As a tax payer, I am questioning the financial impact on the maintenance requirements, demands on DPW resources and delays on other LHT DPW projects by leaving the road unpaved."

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Dorsi, seconded by Mr. Rae, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC/CMR
Approved October 10, 2018