

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 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 #18-265
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:

Personnel:

- OEM
- DPW

Contracts:

- Wastewater Plant
- Crown Castle Cell Tower

Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations:

- PBA

Litigation:

- Lynda Panetta et al. v. Township of Long Hill and the NJDOT

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 Schuler of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #18-265 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Rae.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.

Mayor Piserchia opened the meeting at 7:37pm.

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.

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The Mayor read the following Notice:

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LIAISON REPORTS:

Committeeman Meringolo:

- CERT completed its most recent training class for new volunteers.
- There was a presentation on Wednesday, October 3rd at the senior center by Rob Walton from JCP&L on storm preparation followed by a presentation by OEM's Shayne Daly and Linda Olmstead on the ALERT Long Hill Citizen's program.
- Please register for the new citizens ALERT Long Hill program.

Committeeman Schuler: No report

Committeeman Dorsi:

- DPW received a thank you from the Baseball and Softball Association for repairing the Meyersville field in a timely manner.
- There is still mulch available
- DPW is continuing with the Belgian block repair and trimming back roadside vegetation.

Committeeman Rae: No report.

Mayor Piserchia:

- Reported there has been a new senate Bill S-2899 which would allow for municipalities and the Board of Education of a municipality to jointly contract for health insurance.
- In follow up to Mr. Glancy's concern about a hazardous utility pole, Verizon will be out tomorrow to make sure the pole is safe.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- The Township received a check for \$31,416.04 from Green Acres, the final money due from the Flood Acquisition program.
- Ciel Power was awarded the Energy Audit RFP. There will be a representative at the next meeting to answer any questions.
- Be aware that there is a current phone scam going on regarding delinquent property taxes. Please know that the Township will never give a notice of delinquent taxes over the telephone, only in writing.

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 #18-266 through #18-271 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Schuler. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**RESOLUTION 18-266
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.

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

**RESOLUTION 18-267
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 26, 2018 Township Committee Special Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the September 26, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION #18-268
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF RECREATION DEPOSIT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Recreation Director, does hereby authorize the following refunds:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Dowd	163 Rolling Hill Drive, Millington	\$125.00	Field Hockey

**RESOLUTION #18-269
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-18-18 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 18, 2018; at the Lord Stirling School, 99 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-270 amending 18-137
In Grade Advancement - Novotny**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill adopted resolution 18-137 on April 25, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, resolution 18-137 incorrectly stated the grade advancement of Officer Richard Novotny to Officer Grade X, effective May 1, 2018 at an annual salary of \$53,892: and

WHEREAS, the correct advancement is to Officer Grade XI, effective May 1, 2018 at an annual salary of \$49,446.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey upon the advice and recommendation of Police Chief Ahmed Naga, does hereby approve the grade advancement of Officer Richard Novotny to Officer Grade XI, effective May 1, 2018 at an annual salary of \$49,446.00.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-271 amending Resolution18-244**

**AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE SOMERSET ST. FROM
STIRLING FIRE STATION TO MAIN AVE.**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill did hereby approve the request for Somerset Street to be closed from the Stirling Fire Station to Main Ave. for an OPEN House for Stirling Fire Department from 8AM to 5PM on October 6th, 2018; and

WHEREAS, due to scheduling issues the Chief of the Stirling Fire Station has requested the date be changed from October 6th to October 13th, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee does hereby approve the request for the road closure(s) for October 13th, 2018, from 8AM to 5PM with the provision that barricades are obtained from the Department of Public Works.

RESOLUTIONS:

Attorney Pidgeon read the following two resolutions:

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-272**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF THREE POLICE VEHICLES
THROUGH THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township Police Department needs three new police vehicles; and

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WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5) permits the purchase of goods pursuant to a cooperative purchasing agreement without public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Township is a member of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System;

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 purchase of the following vehicles for a total of \$86,606.75 is hereby authorized pursuant to Cranford Co-op Contract #47-CPCPS, item #2:

Two 2019 Police Interceptor SUVs at a cost of \$26,865.00 each

One 2018 Police Interceptor SUV with Street Appearance Package at a cost of \$32,876.75

2. All previous purchase orders for these vehicles are hereby cancelled.
3. These purchases shall be charged to budget line item(s) 01-2018-0025-0241-2-00201 and 01-2018-0020-0110-2-00201. The certification of available funds by the Chief Financial Officer shall be attached to the original of this resolution and shall be maintained in the files of the Township Clerk.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION NO. 18-273
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL TO ENTER
INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE CRANFORD POLICE
COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID # 47-CPCPS), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a

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Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2018, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Long Hill

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N. J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

On motion of Committeeman Meringolo, seconded by Committeeman Rae, and carried unanimously, Resolutions 18-272 and 18-273 were adopted.

ORDINANCE:

ADOPTION/SECOND READING – Due to the cancellation of the October 9th Planning Board meeting, and non issuance of the Not Inconsistent With the Master Plan memo, this Ordinance will have it's public hearing October 24, 2018

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE #426-18**

AMENDING THE DUTIES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR TO REFLECT RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCE

On motion of Committeeman Rae, seconded by Committeeman Schuler and carried unanimously, the public hearing for Ordinance 426-18 will be carried to the October 24th meeting, no further notice required.

DISCUSSION:

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- Veteran's Banners-The Committee authorized Deputy Mayor Dorsi and DPW Director Gallo to make the final determination of banner size for the Veteran's Banners to be hung on Main Street. They will forward this information to Barbara Grillo so she can proceed with the order.
- Construction Fees- After a brief presentation by Construction Official Jeff Heiss, the Committee authorized an increase in building fees. Mr. Heiss will work with Attorney Pidgeon on an amending Ordinance.
- Valley Road/Mountain Ave Turn Signal- The Committee authorized the plan to install a left turn signal on Valley Road and Mountain Ave.

PRESENTATION: Q&A with Township Engineer Paul Ferriero – Oaks Road Paving Project

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OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Halloween Parade, Sunday October 21st, Kantor Park, 3:00pm.
- Flu Shots Wednesday October 17th, Town Hall. Residents \$25, Non-Residents \$35. No charge with valid Medicare Part B card.
- Senior Center Rummage Sale – Sat. Oct 13th (9am to 3pm) and Sun. Oct. 14th (10am to 2pm).

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Tim O'Donovan, River Road asked there was any changes at the TIFA site. There is no application in front of the Planning or Zoning Board for this site.
- Cathy O'Leary read two statements regarding the Oaks Road Project. After refusing multiple requests to adhere to the 3 minute public speaking limit, Deputy Mayor Dorsi called for a recess. The Committee left the meeting for approximately five minutes.
- Joe Ferrandino, Stirling, noted the inconsistent adherence to the 3 minute public speaking limit set an adversarial tone to the meetings.
- Ted Laffey noted concerns about the erosion on Mill Road.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Dorsi, seconded by Mr. Meringolo, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC/CMR
Approved 10-24-2018