

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 30, 2019**

Mayor Dorsi 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 and posted on the Township Website. 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."

Mayor Dorsi **opened the public session** of the meeting at 8:03am.

All present recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Dorsi, Committeeman Rae, Committeeman Schuler were present. Deputy Mayor Pischerchia was present via telephone. Also present were Attorney Pidgeon (via telephone,) Administrator Malool and Clerk Phillips.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **Committeeman Rae** shared the Police Department statistics and wanted to wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year.
- **Mayor Dorsi** reported that DPW will be picking up Christmas trees until January 31st. Scrap metal recycling is every other month and DPW set a new record of recycled Styrofoam. DPW is still doing pot hole and curb repair. Fire Department had a call on Christmas Eve and departments were quick to respond. There was two calls simultaneously on December 26th which departments were quick to responds as well.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Stirling Train Station lot was repaired.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19-339 – 19-351 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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| 19-339 | APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS |
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- 19-351 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

MOVED by: Committeeman Schuler of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution No. 19-339 – 19-351 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Rae; yes, Committeeman Schuler; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; yes, Mayor Dorsi; yes.

ORDINANCE #447-19 (SECOND READING/ADOPTION)

SALARIES AND WAGES ORDINANCE AS AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Mayor Dorsi opened the **public hearing** and as there were no public comments closed the **public hearing** and asked for a motion to adopt.

MOVED: Committeeman Schuler of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Ordinance #447-19 is hereby adopted. **SECOND** by: Committeeman Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Rae; yes, Committeeman Schuler; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; yes, Mayor Dorsi; yes.

DISCUSSION:

- None at this time.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Reorganizational Meeting will be held Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 6:00pm.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Remarks and Statements Pertaining to Any Matter -Comments and remarks will be limited to 3 Minutes

- Chuck Arentowiz would like the Township Committee to update residents on Cross Hill Road, Oaks Road, land diversion and Planning Board Redevelopment study resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Committeeman Schuler and seconded by Committeeman Rae, and carried unanimously to adjourn to executive session with no further actions.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Phillips
Approved:

RESOLUTION #19-352
EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Contract Negotiations
 - PBA
 - Professional Services
- Personnel
 - Annual Increases

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 #19-352 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Rae
ROLL CALL VOTE: Committeeman Rae; yes, Committeeman Schuler; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; yes, Mayor Dorsi; yes.

RESOLUTION 19-339
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.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

RESOLUTION 19-340
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 December 11, 2019 Township Committee Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves December 11, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

RESOLUTION 19-341
IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT – PLACE

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 Kyle Place to Officer Grade XI, effective January 9, 2020 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.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

**RESOLUTION 19-342
IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT – NEWSCHWANDER**

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 Sergeant Matthew Newschwander to Sergeant Grade II, effective January 23, 2020 at an annual salary of \$ 117,556.00.

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

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

**RESOLUTION 19-343
IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT - SUTTON**

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 Ronald Sutton to Officer Grade VII, effective January 28, 2020 at an annual salary of \$67,230.00.

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

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

**RESOLUTION 19-344
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PARKING PERMIT**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERMIT</u>
Diane Costa	61 Lupine Way	\$290.00	S20-425

BE IT RESOLVED, parking pass S20-425 must be surrendered to the Township Clerk before payment is issued.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

RESOLUTION 19-345

TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND – 89 DAUGHERTY AVE

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize the following refund due to a duplicate payment of 2019 third quarter property tax, in the amount of \$3679.01 on Block 13513 Lot 1 to: Bury, David of; 89 Daugherty Ave, Gillette, NJ 07933;

WHEREAS, the total refund amount is \$3679.01 as analyzed;

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the amount of \$3679.01 for the duplicate payment of, third tax quarter 2019.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

RESOLUTION 19-346

AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF OUTSIDE LIEN - #19-0018

WHEREAS, at the Non Municipal Tax Sale held on 12-03-2018, a lien was sold on Block 13203, Lot 1, also known as 103 St. Josephs Drive for \$24,356.16; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #19-0018, was sold to Daxuan Wang 11 Walnut Street, Livingston, NJ 07039 in the amount of \$24,356.16 and a premium amount of \$125,300.

WHEREAS, Singh Lat A./Santokh, Suman the owners, have redeemed Certificate #19-0018 in the amount of \$24,356.16; and

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, and all redemption monies have been received for redemption.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

RESOLUTION 19-347

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ZONING

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Argent Plumbing & Heating	16 Watchung Ave Chatham, NJ 07928	\$100.00 \$1,500.00 bond	Didn't receive Job-Road Opening Permit

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

RESOLUTION 19-348

RESOLUTION INCREASING AL GALLO'S SALARY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS HAVING PASSED THE EXAMINATION TO OBTAIN A PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, Al Gallo was appointed pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.16*, by Resolution 18-246, adopted September 12, 2018, for a one-year term commencing June 15, 2018, at an annual salary of \$95,000; and

WHEREAS, Al Gallo was appointed Interim Public Works Manager for an additional one-year term as authorized by the statute, by the adoption of Resolution 19-188 on June 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 19-188 provided in part that:

"Gallo shall receive a salary increase when he successfully completes the Certified Public Works Manager Program, successfully passes the examinations held by the Director of Community Affairs, and has received the Certificate in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154 et seq.*"; and

WHEREAS, Al Gallo has now successfully completed the Certified Public Works Manager Program, passed the examinations held by the Director of Community Affairs, and received a Public Works Manager Certificate in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to recognize Al Gallo's achievement;

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. Al Gallo is hereby appointed Principal Public Works Manager of Long Hill Township effective January 1, 2020.
2. Al Gallo's salary for 2020 shall be \$115,000. This is inclusive of any other raises to which he may have been entitled.
3. In all other respects, the terms and conditions of Al Gallo's employment shall remain unchanged.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

RESOLUTION 19-349

RESOLUTION REVISING CHIEF AHMED NAGA'S 2018 OFFER LETTER

WHEREAS, Ahmed Naga was appointed Acting Chief of Police by the adoption of Resolution 18-113 on March 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 18-113 further provided that Ahmed Naga was appointed Chief of Police upon the retirement of his predecessor, effective August 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ahmed Naga's appointment as Chief of Police was affirmed by the adoption of Resolution 18-219 on August 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 18-219 provided that the terms and conditions of Chief Naga's employment were as set forth in the Township Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, as modified by his offer letter; and

WHEREAS, the offer letter provided that holidays were "as specified in the Long Hill Township Personnel Policy"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Personnel Policy provides that all employees shall receive 13 paid holidays which, at eight hours per day, equals 104 hours; and

WHEREAS, all other sworn officers in the police department receive 108 hours of holiday leave per year; and

WHEREAS, Chief Naga received 108 hours of holiday leave in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to revise Chief Naga's offer letter to state that he is entitled to 108 hours of holiday leave per year;

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. Chief Ahmed Naga's offer letter is revised to state that he is entitled to 108 hours of holiday leave per year.
2. This revision is retroactively effective to the date of the offer letter.
3. In all other respects, the terms and conditions of Chief Naga's employment shall remain unchanged.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

RESOLUTION 19-350

AWARDING CONTRACT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM TO NSU FOR PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 TO CLOSING ON SALE OF SYSTEM TO NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2019, the voters of the Township approved sale of the Township wastewater treatment system to New Jersey American Water Company; and

WHEREAS, the system is currently operated by an outside contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney was advised by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services that a contract for the operation and maintenance of the plant from January 1, 2020

through the date of closing on the sale of the plant to New Jersey American Water Company had to be publicly bid; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received by the Township Administrator on December 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive bid was submitted by Applied Water Management, Inc. d/b/a Natural Systems Utilities, LLC (hereinafter "NSU"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, has certified that sufficient funds are available to cover the full cost of the contract;

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 contract for the operation and maintenance of the Township's Wastewater Treatment System for the period from January 1, 2020 through the date of the closing on the sale of the system to New Jersey American Water Company is hereby awarded to NSU in accordance with its December 10, 2019 bid, the terms of which are incorporated herein, as follows:
 - a. Term: January 1, 2020 through date of closing on sale of plant to New Jersey American Water Company.
 - b. Compensation: \$50,150 per month.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract which was included in the instructions to bidders.
3. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to return the bid bond to Veolia Water North American Operating Services, LLC, which was the second low bidder on the project.
4. The Township Clerk is also authorized and directed to return the bid bond of NSU upon receipt of a fully-executed contract and all other required documents.
5. This contract will be properly charged to the following line item appropriation of the official Township budget: 27-2020-0027-0455-2-00576

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	x			
		MERINGOLO				x
		PISERCHIA	x			
	x	RAE	x			
x		SCHULER	x			

**RESOLUTION 19-351
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following accounts to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the Current Year; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts, over and above the demand necessary for the balance of the Current Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision R.S. 40A:4-58, part of the surplus in the account heretofore mentioned be and the same is hereby transferred to the account mentioned as being insufficient, to meet the current demands, and

