

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2020**

Mayor Rae 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."

Announcement is made that, as a matter of procedure, it is the intention of the Township Committee not to continue any matter past 11:00 PM at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board unless a motion is passed by the members then present to extend the meeting to a later specified cut-off time.

20-038 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Land Acquisition
 - Gillette & Stirling Commuter Lots
- Personnel
 - Annual Increases
- Contract Negotiations
 - PBA
 - Professional Services
- Pending Litigation
 - Mt. Laurel

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #20-038 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Schuler; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; yes, Mayor Rae; yes.

Mayor Rae **opened the public session** of the meeting at 7:35pm.

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

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Dorsi, Committeeman Schuler, Committeeman Verlezza, Deputy Mayor Piserchia, Mayor Rae, and were present. Also present were Attorney Pidgeon, Administrator Malool, Clerk Phillips, and Assessor Trout.

Mayor Rae asked for a **Motion to Recess** for the Township Committee to hold the **Board of Health Re-organization Meeting**, Moved: Committeeman Dorsi; Second: Deputy Mayor Piserchia, Roll Call: All in Favor

Township Committee **reconvened** from the Board of Health Reorganization Meeting at 7:41pm.

ORDINANCE #450-20 (FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSENT TO NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION, EXPANSION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill on January 8, 2020 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a

public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia, that Ordinance #450-20 be introduced and passed on first reading with change as discussed. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Schuler; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; yes, Mayor Rae; yes.

ORDINANCE #451-20 (FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION)

SALARIES AND WAGES ORDINANCE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Salary and wage amendments

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill on January 8, 2020 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia, that Ordinance #451-20 be introduced and passed on first reading with changes as discussed. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi, **ROLL CALL VOTE** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Schuler; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; yes, Mayor Rae; yes.

1. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20-039 – 20-046 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.

- 20-039 APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 30, 2019, REORGANIZATION JANUARY 2, 2020
- 20-040 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 20-041 SECOND AMENDMENT 2019/2020 BASKETBALL PROGRAM STAFF
- ~~20-042 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PARKING PERMIT~~
- 20-043 AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF OUTSIDE LIEN - #14-1288
- 20-044 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS
- 20-045 EXTENDING PARTICIPATION IN MORRIS AREA ENERGY CO-OP PROGRAM
- 20-046 AUTHORIZING MONTH-TO-MONTH LEASE AND SUBLEASE OF SENIOR CENTER WHILE NEW LEASES ARE BEING NEGOTIATED.

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #20-039 through #20-046 with the exception of Resolution #20-042 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Schuler; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; yes, Mayor Rae; yes.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **Committeeman Dorsi** reported that DPW will be picking up Christmas trees until January 31st. DPW has a bin in the lobby to collect old American Flags that need to be retired properly. Reminded residents of the TREX recycling bin.
- **Deputy Mayor Piserchia** commended Mayor Rae on his suit from the Reorganization Meeting.
- **Committeeman Schuler** reported that the finance committee will be meeting at the end of the month to discuss budgets for 2020.
- **Mayor Rae** shared the Police Department statistics and asked resident to please join Long Hill Police Department in the Morris County Rally against Hate January 9th at 5:00pm at Hebrew Academy of Morris County.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Traffic light at Mountain and Valley has been delayed due to shortage in equipment from NJDOT, work will hopefully begin end of month.
- Engineer Paul Ferriero will attend the January 22, 2020 Township Committee Meeting to present options for Cross Hill Road drainage.
- Central Park land diversion application will be heard by DEP this month however no specific date has been set.
- Waiting to receive the permit from NJ Transit for Oaks Road \$2,230.00.
- Next round of Hometown Hero Banners will begin January 15th. Application will be on the website.
- Parking Passes are still available for all train stations.

DISCUSSION:

- Tax prepayment – After a discussion the Township Committee decided to eliminate tax prepayment.
- Valley Road Lighting – Committeeman Dorsi has been in touch with Carol Bianchi with JCPL to improve the Valley Road Lighting. Will update at a later meeting.
- FLAP grant – The Township Committee applied to the federal government for a Federal Land Acquisition Program grant to mill and pave Pleasant Plains Road. The project cost was \$459,000 with our 20% match being \$91,800. The bids came in \$200,000 over. Township Engineer, Paul Ferriero quoted the project cost to be between \$135,000 and \$160,000. Township Committee agreed to let Administrator Malool go up to \$40,000 more.
- The Township Committee decided to cancel the project to relocate the Police Department to Town Hall. Resolution will be on January 22 meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- The Township Committee is in receipt of the Planning Boards Resolution for the Redevelopment and will discuss at a future meeting.
- Mayor Rae made a correction to what was said at the January 2, 2020 Township Committee Meeting. Mike Pesce will be taking Victor Verlezza unexpired term as Alternative #1 and Scott Hain will be Alternative #2 as correctly stated in the agenda.
- The Township Committee has agreed to allow the Fatima Engineering's client to put a handicap parking space on Long Hill Road pending all other approvals from the Board of Adjustment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- January is Radon Awareness month. To obtain a free radon testing canister contact Bernard's Health Department.
- Register your dogs by January 31st to avoid a late fee. There is a free rabies clinic Saturday, January 11th at Bernard's Twp. Public Works Garage.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

- Dennis Sandow spoke about how the existing structure located on Long Hill Road is not ADA compliant and how he would like the Township Committee to reconsider allowing a handicap parking spot on the public road.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Deputy Mayor Piserchia and seconded by Committeeman Schuler, and carried unanimously to adjourn to executive session with no further actions at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Phillips
Approved: