



**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 22, 2021  
8:30 AM OPEN SESSION, CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW**

Clerk Phillips read the following statement:

**STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

*"In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was electronically sent to the Echoes Sentinel and posted on the Township Website. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at [www.longhillnj.gov](http://www.longhillnj.gov). A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda.*

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor Piserchia **opened the public session** of the meeting at 8:37 am.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman Dorsi, Committeeman Verlezza (virtually,) Deputy Mayor Rae and Mayor Piserchia were present. Also present were Attorney Pidgeon, Administrator Malool and Clerk Phillips.

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 21-316 – 21-324 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.

- 21-316            APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES:
- 21-317            APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 21-318            APPOINTING ADDITIONAL 2021 / 2022 BASKETBALL PROGRAM STAFF
- 21-319            APPOINTING TEMPORARY PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL – WOERNER
- 21-320            RESCINDING RESOLUTION 21-300 AND REVOKING THE OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO GINO FLORIO
- 21-321            AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS
- 21-322            AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS
- 21-323            A RESOLUTION CANCELING RESOLUTION 21-263 WHICH MADE AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIRS TO THE POLICE STATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 AND BY CHANGING THE SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR RESOLUTION 21-253 WHICH AUTHORIZED AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH GOLDCON, INC.FOR REPAIRS TO THE POLICE STATION (AS PREVIOUSLY CHANGED BY RESOLUTION 21-264)
- 21-324            A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY POLICE TRAILERS BY \$20,000 TO A TOTAL OF \$55,000

**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 21-316 through 21-324 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Rae; yes, Mayor Piserchia; yes.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **Committeeman Dorsi** – spoke about Firefighter Santa and thanked the volunteers. DPW starting project on Sherwood to replace sidewalks.

**Committeeman Lavender joined via Zoom at 8:39am.**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- **Administrator Malool** – reported that parking pass sales have increased since last meeting. Also reported that the Kantor lighting project has been postponed until after the new year Administrator Malool anticipated the Cross Hill Road project being completed in 2-3 weeks. Also reported Town Hall calendars were mailed and to obtain an extra copy you can visit the Clerks Office. Lastly, LHTV is now in HD on Verizon 2317 and in the upcoming weeks Verizon channel 37 will be eliminated.

**DISCUSSION:** none.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:** none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** no comments at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

21-325 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Personnel - TACO
- Contract Negotiations – Professional Services

**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 21-325 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Lavender; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Rae; yes, Mayor 8:44am

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Deputy Mayor Rae and seconded by Committeeman Dorsi and carried unanimously to adjourn to executive session with no further action at 8:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Megan Phillips*

Megan Phillips

Approved: January 19, 2022

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**RESOLUTION 21-316  
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 December 8, 2021

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves December 8, 2021 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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**RESOLUTION 21-317  
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.

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**RESOLUTION 21-318  
APPOINTING ADDITIONAL 2021 / 2022 BASKETBALL PROGRAM STAFF**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Recreation Director that the following be appointed to the 2021 / 2022 Recreation Basketball program effective December 14, 2021:

<b>Supervisors:</b>	<b>Salary/Hour</b>
Blajsa, Mark	\$ 20.00

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**RESOLUTION 21-319  
APPOINTING TEMPORARY PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL – WOERNER**

**WHEREAS**, NJAC 5:23-4, 4(6) provides for the appointment of Sub code officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator and Construction Official would like to recommend appointing Michael Woerner as temporary Plumbing Sub code Official, effective December 13, 2021, for a period up to 7 months or until such time as the regular Plumbing Sub code Official returns; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Worner will be compensated at a rate of \$46.98 per hour; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby appoint Michael Woerner as temporary Plumbing Sub code Official; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

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**RESOLUTION 21-320  
RESCINDING RESOLUTION 21-300 AND REVOKING THE OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO GINO FLORIO**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill rescind the offer of employment to Gino Florio as Truck Driver/Laborer Class 4.

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**RESOLUTION 21-321  
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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers:

ACCOUNT	TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO
Group Health Benefits- OE	\$9,550.00	
Purchase of Police Vehicles- OE		\$ 25.00
Elections- OE		525.00
Assessment of Taxes- OE		500.00
Emergency Management- OE		3,000.00
Natural Gas- OE		2,500.00
Social Security- OE		3,000.00
	Totals \$9,550.00	\$ 9,550.00

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**RESOLUTION 21-322  
AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

**WHEREAS**, there are outstanding checks which were drawn on the Payroll Account; and

**WHEREAS**, said checks have been outstanding for more than twelve (12) months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer is desirous of voiding said checks;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that the following outstanding checks be cancelled, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to void said checks:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll	34519	1/17/2020	\$64.79
	34548	1/31/2020	\$64.78
	34573	2/14/2020	\$32.40
	34624	3/13/2020	\$50.32
	34661	5/22/2020	\$158.64
	34701	7/17/2020	\$10.52
	34753	8/14/2020	\$448.37
	34797	9/11/2020	\$4.93
	34798	9/11/2020	\$49.82

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**RESOLUTION 21-323  
A RESOLUTION CANCELING RESOLUTION 21-263 WHICH MADE AN EMERGENCY**

**APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIRS TO THE POLICE STATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 AND BY CHANGING THE SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR RESOLUTION 21-253 WHICH AUTHORIZED AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH GOLDCON, INC. FOR REPAIRS TO THE POLICE STATION (AS PREVIOUSLY CHANGED BY RESOLUTION 21-264)**

**WHEREAS**, at a special meeting on September 27, 201, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 21-253 authorizing an emergency contract with Goldcon, Inc. to repair the damage to Police Headquarters caused by Tropical Storm Ida for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 from the Storm Recovery Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee thereafter adopted Resolution 21-263 at its October 6, 2021, meeting making an emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 in the amount of \$438,000 for repairs to the police station: and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee also adopted Resolution 21-264 at its October 6, 2021, meeting "Amending Resolution 21-253 which Authorized an Emergency Contract with Goldcon, Inc. for Repairs to the Police Station by Increasing the "Not to Exceed" Amount From \$350,000 To \$ 438,000 and by Changing the Source of the Funds from the Storm Recovery Trust Fund to an Emergency Appropriation"; and

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting on November 10, 2021, the Township Committee then adopted Ordinance 483-21 entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Remediation of the Police Headquarters in and by the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$461,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$438,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing Such Appropriation"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee wishes to change the source of funds again for the Goldcon contract from the emergency appropriation authorized by Resolution 21-263 to Bond Ordinance 483-21;

**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. Resolution 21-263 which made an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$438,000 for repairs to the police station pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 is hereby repealed and the emergency appropriation is canceled.
2. The source of funds for the contract with Goldcon, Inc. for emergency repairs to the police station is hereby changed from the emergency appropriation made by Resolution 21-263 (now repealed) to Bond Ordinance 483-21.

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**RESOLUTION 21-324  
A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY POLICE TRAILERS BY \$20,000 TO A TOTAL OF \$55,000**

**WHEREAS**, at its September 8, 2021, meeting, the Township Committee authorized the leasing of two trailers from Will Scott for use by the police department during the time that police headquarters could not be used because of damage resulting from Hurricane Ida at a cost of \$35,000; and

**WHEREAS**, repairs to police headquarters are ongoing and, as a result, the police department needs the trailers for an additional period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, as the person responsible for determining and confirming the existence of an emergency and that the provisions for emergency purchasing pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6* may be

implemented, has determined that the emergency which necessitated the leasing of these trailers has not ended.

**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

1. The amount appropriated for the trailers being used by the police department is hereby increased from \$35,000 to \$55,000 and the leases are hereby extended.
2. This contract shall be charged to budget line item(s) T-12-0278-00999-6-00000. The certification of available funds by the Financial Officer shall be attached to the original of this resolution and shall be maintained in the files of the Township Clerk.

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**RESOLUTION 21-325  
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 - TACO
- Contract Negotiations – Professional Services

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