



**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
7:30PM OPEN SESSION, 6:45PM CLOSED SESSION**

A draft of the Township Committee Regular Session Agenda is posted on the Township website at www.longhillnj.gov on the Monday preceding the meeting.

The March 13, 2024, Township Committee Meeting will be conducted in person at Long Hill Township Municipal Court is located at 915 Valley Road, Gillette.

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1. STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

"In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting specifically, the time, date and public call-in information were included in the meeting that was electronically sent to the Echoes Sentinel, Morris Daily Record and posted on the Township Website. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at www.longhillnj.gov. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

24-84 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Contract Negotiations** - Millington Station Café, Lounsberry Meadow, PBA, DPW, WRDA, Verizon

MOVED by: _____ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 24-084 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

3. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

4. PROCLAMATION / PRESENTATIONS

- The President's Volunteer Service Award- Gold Medal – Zoeya Pasha

5. ORDINANCE(S):

ORDINANCE 533-24 (SECOND READING / ADOPTION)

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SECURITY AT PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS"

PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED by: _____, that Ordinance 533-24 be adopted. **SECONDED** by: _____,
ROLL CALL VOTE

6. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 24-085 – 24-095 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.

- 24-085 APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES
- 24-086 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 24-087 AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT – KANTOR PARK TENNIS COURTS
- 24-088 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION
- 24-089 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
- 24-090 GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF STIRLING LAKE FOR THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TROUT FISHING DERBY AND APPROVING THE TOWNSHIP'S SUPPORT TO CO-SPONSOR THE DERBY
- 24-091 AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR CLEAN COMMUNITIES DPW WORKER
- 24-092 2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET
- 24-093 IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT – OFC. DECLAN RAE
- 24-094 IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT – OFC. DYLAN CROKER
- 24-095 RESOLUTION OF LONG HILL TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM DOCUMENTS

MOVED by: _____ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 24-085 through 24-095 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

9. DISCUSSION:

- Food Truck / Special Event Permit
- Parks and Rec Policy Changes
- Emergency Purchasing

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

12. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Remarks and Statements Pertaining to Any Matter - Comments and remarks will be limited to 3 Minutes

13. ADJOURNMENT

**RESOLUTION 24-084
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 Negotiations** - Millington Station Café, Lounsberry Meadow, PBA, DPW, WRDA, Verizon

**ORDINANCE 533-24
AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SECURITY AT PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “POLICE REGULATIONS”**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined on that police security is needed at some public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office has recommended that an ordinance be adopted authorizing police security at public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 3 of the Township Code entitled “Police Regulations” is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 3-17.2 entitled “Rules of Decorum” in Section 3-17 of the Township Code entitled “Meeting Decorum” is hereby supplemented and amended by adding a new paragraph “d” which reads as follows:

§ 3-17.2 Rules of Decorum.

The following rules of order and decorum shall be observed at public meetings:

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d. The Township Committee, the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment may request police security at one of their public meetings. If such request is made, all members and visitors are subject to search by a magnetometer. In addition, all bags, packages, attaché cases and personal effects will be searched by a members of the Long Hill Township Police Department. Those who refuse to submit to a search will not be permitted to enter the meeting room.

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**RESOLUTION 24-085
APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby approved and release the Township Committee Minutes of February 28, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves February 28, 2024, Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**RESOLUTION 24-086
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 24-087
AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT – KANTOR PARK TENNIS COURTS**

WHEREAS, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for up to approximately \$100,000 to carry out a project to improve tennis court facilities at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park for the Township of Long Hill.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

1. That the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize the application for such grant; and,
2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon the receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Long Hill and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Administrator and Mayor are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

**RESOLUTION 24-088
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Township of Long Hill supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. It is the policy of Township of Long Hill to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Township of Long Hill further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Township of Long Hill do hereby approve the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources, the Township of Long Hill will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Long Hill shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, and any local laws or ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipality will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

**RESOLUTION 24-089
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Council authorizes an application to the Morris County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to purchase a new bus for the senior bus program, as described in the proposal. If awarded CDBG funds, the Municipality shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill and adopted on March 13, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 24-090
GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF STIRLING LAKE FOR THE POLICEMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TROUT FISHING DERBY AND APPROVING THE
TOWNSHIP'S SUPPORT TO CO-SPONSOR THE DERBY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby grant permission for the Policemen's Benevolent Association to hold their Annual Trout Fishing Derby at Stirling Lake on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and approving the Township's support to Co-Sponsor the derby and Special Event Permit 24-11.

**RESOLUTION 24-091
AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR CLEAN COMMUNITIES DPW WORKER**

WHEREAS, Robert Phillips has worked as the Clean Communities employee for more than fifteen years;

WHEREAS, per the recommendation of Public Works Director Al Gallo, the Township would like Phillips to retain this position for 2024;

WHEREAS, Phillips employment would start March 14, 2024 and would consist of two days a week for a total of 14.5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$20.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the certification of available funds by the Township Chief Financial Officer shall be attached to the original of this resolution and shall be maintained in the files of the Township Clerk.

**RESOLUTION 24-092
2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, 40A:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments, or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2024 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

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 the following increase to the 2024 temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his/her records:

2024 Increase to the Temporary Budget:

Management Information Systems		
Other Expenses		\$40,000.00
Planning Board		
Salaries & Wages		1,000.00
Board of Adjustment		
Salaries & Wages		1,000.00
Stirling Lake		
Other Expenses		10,000.00
Celebration of Public Events		
Other Expenses		4,000.00
PERS Pension		
Other Expenses		158,903.00
PFRS Pension		
Other Expenses		740,858.00
Public Library		
Other Expenses		150,000.00
Total		1,105,761.00

**RESOLUTION 24-093
IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT – OFC. DECLAN RAE**

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 Officer in Charge Alexis Ciambriello, does hereby approve the grade advancement of Officer Declan Rae to Officer Grade IX, effective March 10, 2024, at an annual salary of \$67,553.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-094
IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT – OFC. DYLAN CROKER**

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 Officer in Charge Alexis Ciambriello, does hereby approve the grade advancement of Officer Dylan Croker to Officer Grade IX, effective March 24, 2024, at an annual salary of \$67,553.00.

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

RESOLUTION 24-095

**RESOLUTION OF LONG HILL TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey deregulated power generation in 1999, thereby creating new electric and natural gas cost structures and creating a competitive marketplace for these commodities; and

WHEREAS, the Government Energy Aggregation Act of 2003 ("Act") - *N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq.* - authorizes a municipality to capitalize on the competitive energy marketplace on behalf of its residents by establishing a Government Energy Aggregation ("GEA") program for the purchase of electricity and natural gas generation services; and

WHEREAS, the Act and its implementing rules - *N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq.* – create conditions through which bulk purchasing can be utilized to directly reduce utility costs for residential non-residential ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2015, ORD 364-15 the Township Committee of Long Hill Township adopted an ordinance stating its intent to initiate a GEA Program;

WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton created the Morris Area Energy Co-operative (MAEC) for the purpose of bringing GEA communities together to enhance economies of scale and enhance buying power in the competitive energy marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Wharton Borough is the Lead Agency for the MAEC GEA program and guides all actions related to its administration, including but not limited to hiring administrative consultants and accepting or rejecting pricing from energy suppliers on behalf of the MAEC and all participating members; and

WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township is a participating member of the MAEC program, and as such, hereby agrees to execute all documents required for the operation of the program, including, but not limited to, Supplier Agreements, Local Distribution Company Agreements, and Government Aggregation Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Wharton Borough has appointed Taurus Advisory Group LLC (Taurus) to serve as the Energy Agent to assist and administer the GEA program for the MAEC and all participating members, and as such, shall serve the Long Hill Township on behalf of the Lead Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Long Hill Township, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

1. 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.
2. The Long Hill Township as a participating member of the MAEC program, hereby agrees to accept Supplier Agreements in instances when the Lead Agency accepts pricing from energy suppliers.
3. The Mayor and the Township Clerk hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the

Long Hill Township, Supplier Agreements, Local Distribution Company Agreements, Government Aggregation Agreements, and any other documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.
