

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES December 8, 2021 7:30 PM OPEN SESSION, CLOSED SESSION 6:45 PM

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. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

21-301 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Contract Negotiation Land Acquisition
- Attorney Client Privilege EMS Fees
- Personnel DPW

MOVED by: Committeeman Dorsi of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 21-301 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Lavender; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; absent, Deputy Mayor Rae; yes, Mayor Piserchia; yes.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Piserchia opened the public session of the meeting at 7:32 pm.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ORDINANCE(S):

ORDINANCE 483-21 (SECOND READING / ADOPTION)

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.

Mayor Piserchia OPENED PUBLIC HEARING, seeing no comments closed PUBLIC HEARING.

Committeeman Verlezza joined the meeting via ZOOM at 8:17pm

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Rae, that Ordinance 483-21 be adopted. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Lavender, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; abstain, Committeeman Lavender; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Rae; yes, Mayor Piserchia; yes.

Committeeman Verlezza left the meeting at 8:19pm.

ORDINANCE 484-21 (SECOND READING / ADOPTION)

REGULATING FENCES AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS"

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Rae to amend the ordinance to clarify language. **SECOND:** Committeeman Lavender **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Lavender; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; absent, Deputy Mayor Rae; yes, Mayor Piserchia; yes.

Mayor Piserchia opened the PUBLIC HEARING

- Katie Crighton 84 Old Forge Road spoke about her concerns with the proposed ordinance.
- **Megan Crighton 64 W Rayburn Road –** asked for clarifications for the Township Right of Ways and had questions about snow and received clarification.
- **Dennis Sandow Millington** asked that the Township Committee table the discussion until after the Planning Board could have a chance to review and make suggestions.

A discussion ensued and the Township Committee decided to table the discussion until 2022 based off the comments from residents.

- Director Gallo - clarified his suggestions regarding the proposed ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21-302 – 21-312, 21-314, 21-315 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.

- 21-302 APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES:
- 21-303 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 21-304 AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR CONSTRUCTION
- 21-305 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS
- 21-306 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION BURNS
- 21-307 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS
- 21-308 APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PART TIME TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS TO THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL
- 21-309 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TEMPORARY INTERN CHIANA ARMENTI
- 21-310 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DNS MEDIA GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE STATION MANAGEMENT FOR LONG HILL TELEVISION ("LHTV")
- 21-311 IN-GRADE ADVANCEMENT OFFICER PLACE
- 21-312 APPOINTING ADDITIONAL 2021 / 2022 BASKETBALL PROGRAM STAFF
- 21-314 APPOINTING CROSSING GUARD SCHRAFFA
- 21-315 PROMOTING DPW ARPAIA

MOVED by: Committeeman Lavender of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 21-302 through 21-312, Resolution 21-314, Resolution 21-315, with Deputy Mayor Rae abstaining from Resolution 21-311 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Lavender; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; absent, Deputy Mayor Rae; yes, Mayor Piserchia; yes.

21-297 REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR MAIN AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 21-297 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Lavender. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Lavender; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; absent, Deputy Mayor Rae; yes, Mayor Piserchia; yes.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- Committeeman Lavender gave an update from the Community Services Coordinator and spoke about a documentary about social media and its effect on kids. Committeeman Lavender also spoke about various recreation events, the lighting project for Kantor field and thanked everyone who participated in the Meyersville Tree Lighting.
- Committeeman Dorsi Reported Millington Fire Company will have their annual coin toss on Saturday, and both fire departments are accepting requests for firefighter Santa. Spoke about DPW completing lights on Main Street and being ready for snow.
- Mayor Piserchia reported that the FEMA deadline extended to January 22, 2021. Shared that Michael Hoffman, Kevin Dempsey, First Aid Squad, Bob Hedden and Susan Jeans received awards at the Volunteer dinner.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

• Administrator Malool spoke about the sales for parking passes for the train station and continuing daily parking passes. Administrator Malool gave an update on Crosshill Road and spoke about lighting project in Kantor Park. Reported that tax reassessment letters will be going out this week and the bus started new routes yesterday.

DISCUSSION:

- Fire Truck Deputy Mayor Rae spoke about Millington Fire Company forming a fire truck committee. Deputy Mayor Rae introduced Patrick Golden, Chief Patrick White, Captain Michael Hoffman, Alex Sabilla who consist of the Truck Committee. A discussion ensued.
- 21-313 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AERIAL FIRE TRUCK FOR THE MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

MOVED by: Committeeman Lavender of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 21-313 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Lavender; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; absent, Deputy Mayor Rae; abstain, Mayor Piserchia; yes.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT Recreation Advisory Committee Christine Merrell (5 yr) December 31, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Last 2021 Township Committee Meeting will be December 22, 2021, at 8:30am

<u>MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</u>: Remarks and Statements Pertaining to Any Matter -Comments and remarks will be limited to 3 Minutes

- Carol Prasa spoke about LHTV and the contract awarded to DNS Media.
- Charles Arentowicz Millington spoke about seeking donations from developers to help pay for the new fire truck as the township has new building heights because of applications. Asked for clarification on executive session with contract negotiation for land acquisition, and Resolution 21-314 and 21-315.
- Katie Crighton 84 Old Forge Road spoke about the behavior of the Township Committee.
- Dennis Sandow Millington spoke about allocating money for future firetrucks purchases.
- **Tom Grosskpf** spoke about Meyersville Tree Lighting and a suggested events for Central Park.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Deputy Mayor Rae and seconded by Committeeman Dorsi and carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Phillips

Megan Phillips Approved: December 22, 2021

RESOLUTION 21-301 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 Negotiation Land Acquisition,
- Attorney Client Privilege EMS Fees
- Personnel

ORDINANCE 483-21

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.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$461,000, said sum, except as described below, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$23,000 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of an emergency appropriation adopted by the governing body of the Township on October 6, 2021, and including any moneys received or expected to be received by the Township from the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the State of New Jersey, or agencies thereof, as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvement, and excluding the amount of \$461,000 heretofore appropriated therefor by virtue of an emergency resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township for the refer by virtue of an emergency or the State of New Jersey, or agencies thereof, as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvement, and excluding the amount of \$461,000 heretofore appropriated therefor by virtue of an emergency resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township on October 6, 2021.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose and said emergency appropriation and to meet the part of said \$461,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$438,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$438,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the remediation of the Police Headquarters located at 264 Mercer Street in and by the Township, including all structures, equipment, site work, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$438,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$461,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$23,000 down payment for said purpose.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$438,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$80,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 5. The funds from time to time received by the Township on account any grants referred to in Section 1 of this bond ordinance shall be used for financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance by application thereof either to direct payment of the costs of said improvement or purpose, or to payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance. Any such funds so received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of such costs shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 6. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, acting chief financial officer or treasurer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at not less than par at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 7. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 8. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

ORDINANCE 484-21

REGULATING FENCES AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS"

WHEREAS, § 20-3.2 of the Township Code entitled "Street and Sidewalk Obstructions" regulates the placement of fences, hedges and other obstructions in the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, fences that are installed closer than four feet (4') to the edge of the pavement can create problems during snow plowing and present other safety hazards;

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 20 of the Township Code entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 20-3.2 entitled "Street and Sidewalk Obstructions" is hereby supplemented and amended to read as follows:

"20-3.2 Street and Sidewalk Obstructions.

No person shall obstruct the traveled portion of any street or sidewalk within the limits of the Township. Moreover, the owner of any property containing a fence, hedge, wall, gate, landscaping, shrub, bush, tree, boulders or other obstructions which encroach upon any sidewalk, street or right-of-way and which constitute a safety hazard in the opinion of the Chief of Police or his designee, or the Township Code Enforcement Officer, shall remove the same within ten (10) days after written notice signed by the Chief of Police or his designee. No fences, walls, gates or similar obstructions (not including mailboxes) shall be closer than four feet (4') to the edge of the pavement or curb."

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 21-302 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 November 10, 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves November 10, 2021 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

RESOLUTION 21-303 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 21-304 AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR CONSTRUCTION

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

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	REASON	
Soos Radon and Electric Inc	13 Jenning Court	\$104	Project never done.	
	Hillsborough, NJ 08844		843 Long Hill Road	

RESOLUTION 21-305 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, there are outstanding checks which were drawn on the Current Fund Account, Recreation Trust Fund, Animal Control Fund and Sewer Utility Account; and

WHEREAS, said checks have been outstanding for more than nine (9) 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:

Account Current	Check Number 17711 18051 18087 18470 18834 18879 18888 18900	Date Issued 2/18/2020 6/10/2020 6/24/2020 10/28/2020 2/10/2021 2/24/2021 2/24/2021 2/24/2021	Amount \$ 742.05 \$ 500.00 \$43,238.01 \$ 375.00 \$ 35.00 \$ 45.00 \$ 25.00
<u>Account</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	Date Issued 12/09/2020	<u>Amount</u>
Recreation	635		\$ 150.00
Account	Check Number	Date Issued	<u>Amount</u>
Animal Control	170113	3/11/2020	\$ 3.00
<u>Account</u> Sewer Utility	<u>Check Number</u> 389 395 403	Date Issued 7/16/2020 8/12/2020 8/17/2020	Amount \$ 347.13 \$ 1,600.00 \$ 39.76

485	8/17/2020	\$ 61.73
497	8/17/2020	\$ 265.00
498	8/17/2020	\$ 292.32
502	8/17/2020	\$ 18.27
579	10/15/2020	\$ 88.66
581	10/15/2020	\$ 40.00
587	10/15/2020	\$ 40.00
588	10/15/2020	\$ 40.00
589	10/15/2020	\$ 73.08
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RESOLUTION 21-306 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION – BURNS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee herby accepts the resignation of Kelly Burns from Construction Department, effective December 3, 2021.

RESOLUTION 21-307 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Coordinator, Board Engineer, Board Attorney, Township Planner have certified that there are no outstanding invoices and have approved the release of the following escrows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the following escrows plus any applicable interest as per N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1.

DEVELOPER'S ESCROW

Sanford Wesi/Acct. 0247	\$ 476.50
Ferrap Inc./Acct. 20061	\$ 245.00
Stirling Hotel/Acct. 20821	\$2,070.20
Restore Myersville/Acct. 20965	\$ 250.00
Yuwei Ouyang/Acct. 20982	\$1,325.21
Village Supermarkets/Acct. 21004	\$ 58.27
Gayle & William Stroh/Acct 21007	\$8,206.25
Carolyn Smith/Acct. 21040	\$ 654.25
Chandrakant Patel/Acct. 21014	\$ 425.00
Jaeger Lumber/Acct. 21043	\$1,931.59
James Oliver/Acct. 21010	\$ 31.25
The Uncommon Thread/Acct. 21036	\$1,606.15
Indoor Soccer/Acct. 20959	\$ 331.25
Indoor Soccer/Acct. 21031	\$1,729.60
Valley & Plainfield Assoc./Acct. 20973	\$ 48.13
Valley & Plainfield Assoc./Acct. 21006	\$ 81.25
Sharon Cerchiaro/Acct. 10397	\$ 46.50
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RESOLUTION 21-308

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PART TIME TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill as follows:

- 1. Hereby appoints Donna Ghetti as temporary part-time Technical Assistant to the Construction Official (TACO) on December 6, 2021.
- 2. The TACO(s) shall be compensated \$30.00 per hour, on an as-needed basis, for a maximum of 25 hours per week each with hours outlined with the Construction Official and Township Administrator.
- 3. Donna Ghetti will receive no benefits.

RESOLUTION 21-309

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TEMPORARY INTERN – CHIANA ARMENTI

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. Chiana Armenti is hereby appointed a temporary intern effective December 6, 2021, until further notice to cover the Construction office.
- 2. Chiana Armenti shall be compensated \$12.00 per hour for a maximum of 40 hours a week.
- 3. Chiana Armenti will receive no benefits.

RESOLUTION 21-310

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DNS MEDIA GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE STATION MANAGEMENT FOR LONG HILL TELEVISION ("LHTV")

WHEREAS, the Township is in need of a professional company to provide complete LHTV station management, scheduling, programming, bulletin boards and event coverage; and

WHEREAS, DNS Media Group, LLC of Bloomfield, New Jersey, specializes in providing those services; and

WHEREAS, DNS Media Group, LLC has submitted a proposal to provide those services for \$30,000.00 a year (\$2,500.00 a month); and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5, 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. A contract with DNS Media Group, LLC to provide complete station management, scheduling, programming, bulletin boards and event coverage as described in its proposal is hereby authorized.
- 2. The term of the contract shall be from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.
- 3. In accordance with its proposal, DNS Media Group, LLC shall be compensated \$2,500.00 a month for a total not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- 4. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with DNS Media Group, LLC to provide these services.
- 5. This contract will be properly charged to the following line-item appropriation of the official Township budget: 2-01-0020-00105-2-00306.

RESOLUTION 21-297 REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR MAIN AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, six bids were received by the Township Administrator on November 4, 2021 for the Main Avenue Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, the low bid was in the amount of \$609,783.90; and

WHEREAS, the low bid exceeded the amount of available funds for 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. All bids on the Main Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project are hereby rejected.
- 2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to return the bid bonds or certified checks all bidders.

RESOLUTION 21-311 IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT – OFFICER PLACE

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 and recommendation of Police Chief Ahmed Naga, does hereby approve the grade advancement of Officer Kyle Place to Officer Grade IX, effective January 9, 2022, at an annual salary of \$65,906.00.

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

RESOLUTION 21-312 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 4, 2021:

Referees/Timers/Scorekeepers	
Young, Andrew	\$ 13.00
Ramos, Jada	\$ 13.00
Dreyer, Connor	\$ 13.00

RESOLUTION 21-313

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AERIAL FIRE TRUCK FOR THE MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, State law provides that "any municipality may appropriate such additional sums [beyond that permitted by the statute] as it may deem necessary for the purchase of fire equipment, supplies and materials for use by fire companies . . . , the title to which shall remain with the municipality, provided that the funds shall be controlled and disbursed by the municipality. (*N.J.S.A.* 40A:14-34); and

WHEREAS, the Millington Volunteer Fire Company has asked the Township of Long Hill to purchase a Rosenbauer aerial truck for its use; and

WHEREAS, State law provides that:

"Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any contracting unit authorized to purchase goods, or to contract for services, may make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, when available *(N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2);* and

WHEREAS, the Millington Volunteer Fire Company has obtained a quotation (Purchase Order JL 102223) from Rosenbauer Minnesota LLC, through Sourcewell Cooperative (Contract #022818-RSB), a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative, in the amount of \$1,300,000.36 for a Rosenbauer aerial truck with Rosenbauer Commander chassis and Rosenbauer Viper Aerial; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee agrees that the Millington Volunteer Fire Company needs a new aerial truck in order to protect the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends to obtain the aerial pumper through a 10-year lease purchase agreement with a \$200,000 down payment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the hereby expresses its intent, to the extent consistent with and required by law, to purchase one Rosenbauer aerial fire truck, as described in the preamble, for \$1.300.000.36, for use by the Millington Volunteer Fire Company, and to purchase that aerial fire truck through a lease purchase agreement, with a \$200,000 down payment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Administrator/QPA is authorized to apply for financing through a lease purchase agreement with a \$200,000 down payment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute all documents required in connection with the lease purchase application.

RESOLUTION 21-314 APPOINTING CROSSING GUARD – SCHRAFFA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby appoint Jayne Schraffa as Crossing Guard effective December 8, 2021.

RESOLUTION 21-315 PROMOTING DPW – ARPAIA

WHEREAS, John Arpaia has been Truck Driver Laborer Class III at the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the advice and recommendation Director of Public Works, Al Gallo, that John Arpaia be promoted to Truck Driver/Laborer Class 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey does hereby approve the promotion of John Arpaia to Truck Driver/Laborer Class 2, with a rate increase to \$29.50 per hour, annual rate of \$61,360.00 per year. The increase should go into effect December 9, 2021.