

# TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION AGENDA – REVISED 12/13/2023 Wednesday, December 13, 2023 7:30PM OPEN SESSION, 6:15PM CLOSED SESSION

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

The December 13, 2023, 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 and Morris Daily Record and posted on the Township Website. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at <u>www.longhillnj.gov</u>. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda.

## 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23-305 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Personnel -Police, Tax Collector
- Attorney Client Property Encroachment, NJAW
- Contract negotiations Green Bucket Compost, PBA, DPW, Professional Service Contracts, Shared Service, Verizon

**MOVED** by: \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 23-305 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: \_\_\_\_\_. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

## 3. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

## 4. PROCLAMATION / PRESENTATIONS

- Proclamation Albert Pepe
- NJAW Update

#### 5. <u>ORDINANCE(S):</u> ORDINANCE 529-23 (SECOND READING / ADOPTION)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING VARIOUS PAPER STREETS AND PORTIONS OF PAPER STREETS

## PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED by: \_\_\_\_\_, that Ordinance 529-23 be adopted. SECONDED by: \_\_\_\_\_.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23-306 - 23-323 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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23-306	APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES
23-307	APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS
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23-321	AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS
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23-323	A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CHANGE IN SCOPE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR MEYERSVILLE FIELD PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AND PICKLEBALL COURT CONSTRUCTION, LONG HILL TOWNSHIP
23-324	APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR TURNOUT GEAR
23-325	APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR STIRLING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR TURNOUT GEAR

**MOVED** by: \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 23-306 through 23-323 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: \_\_\_\_\_. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

- 7. LIAISON REPORTS:
- 8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

## 9. DISCUSSION:

- Harassment Training
- ID Badges

## 10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

# 13. ADJOURNMENT

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#### RESOLUTION 23-305 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 Police, Tax Collector
- Attorney Client Property Encroachment, NJAW
- Contract negotiations Green Bucket Compost, PBA, DPW, Professional Service Contracts, Shared Service, Verizon

#### ORDINANCE 529-23

## AN ORDINANCE VACATING VARIOUS PAPER STREETS AND PORTIONS OF PAPER STREETS

WHEREAS, the paper streets described below were dedicated but was never accepted or opened by the Township; and

**WHEREAS,** it appears to the Township Committee that the public interest will be better served by releasing the public interest in the paper streets described below;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** The public right in the following paper streets is hereby released and extinguished in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-19:

Name of Street	Location
Carol Lane	Entire length from southerly sideline of Long Hill Road to its southerly terminus.
Manuel Street	Entire length from Carol Lane to its easterly terminus.
Orange Street	Entire length from Western Boulevard to its westerly terminus.
Eloise Place	From the southerly sideline of Jersey Avenue to the southerly sideline of Orange Street (which is also being vacated by this ordinance).
York Drive	From the prolongation of the southerly sideline of Ellis Avenue to the prolongation of the northerly sideline of Valley View Road.

**Section 2.** This ordinance expressly reserves and excepts from vacation all rights and privileges presently possessed by public utilities as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-1 and by any cable television company as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1, <u>et seq</u>. to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the street to be vacated.

**Section 3.** In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:49-6, a copy of this Ordinance shall be published at least ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for further consideration for final passage and adoption.

**Section 4.** At least one (1) week prior to such time fixed for further consideration for final passage of this Ordinance, a copy of this Ordinance, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, and the time and place when and where this Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose lands may be affected by the Ordinance, so far as the same may be ascertained, directed to his last known post office address.

**Section 5.** Within sixty (60) days after this Ordinance becomes effective, the Township Clerk shall file a copy of this Ordinance, certified by her under the seal of the Township to be a true copy of this Ordinance, together with a copy of the proof of publication thereof in the Morris County Clerk's office, to be recorded in a book entitled "Vacations."

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

## RESOLUTION 23-306 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 November 8, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves November 8, 2023, Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

## RESOLUTION 23-307 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 23-308 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

**WHEREAS**, there are outstanding checks which were drawn on the Current Fund, Payroll and Recreation Fund.

WHEREAS, the said checks have been outstanding for more than nine (9) months; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer is desirous of voiding these 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 the said checks:

	Check Number	Date Issued	Amount
Current	20941	10/12/22	\$375.00
Payroll	35444	12/20/22	\$142.21

35369	8/12/22	\$337.14
35377	8/12/22	\$60.86

# **Recreation** 760 9/14/22 \$400.00

**RESOLUTION 23-309** 

## AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2023 4th QUARTER TAXES RECEIVABLE

**WHEREAS**, The Tax Assessor has advised the Tax Collector that the following individuals have applied for and received an exemption from taxes under N.J.S.A. 54:04-03.30 as a "100% permanently and totally disabled veteran", and

WHEREAS, CoreLogic paid 4<sup>th</sup> quarter installments on November 8, 2023, of \$2,630.00 and \$3,080.97 respectively

**WHEREAS**, the pro-rated amount eligible for refund for 4th quarter 2023 shall be as a result of the exemption effective as detailed below; and

Owner	Property Location	Block	Lot	Amount	Effective Date	
Mark Neri	338 Main Ave.	12002	47	\$1,957.74 Q4	10-25-2023	
Sunny James Risler	77 Gates Ave.	13509	4	\$1,814.19 Q4	11-8-2023	

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize a refund of \$3,771.93 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund Corelogic amount of \$3,771.93 due to Veterans Exemption.

Make check payable to:		
Corelogic Centralized Refunds	BL13509 L4	\$1,814.19
PO Box 9202	BL12002 L47	\$1,957.74
Coppell, TX 75019-9760		

#### RESOLUTION 23-310 IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT – ENGEL

**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 Brian Engel to Officer Grade VI, effective December 1, 2023, at an annual salary of \$85,435.00.

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

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#### RESOLUTION 23-311 IN GRADE ADVANCEMENT – OFFICER DAVID JARAMILLO

**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, Lt. Alexis Ciambriello does hereby approve the grade advancement of Officer David Jaramillo to Officer Grade XI, effective January 9, 2024 at an annual salary of \$55,632.00.

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

## RESOLUTION 23-312 AFFIRMING TERMINATION - PORTOCARRERO

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill affirms the termination of Carlos Portocarrero as Truck Driver/Laborer Class 4 effective December 15, 2023.

## RESOLUTION 23-313 APPOINTING PROBATIONARY LABORER – GENEVIEVE

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. Upon the advice and recommendation of Public Works Director Al Gallo, Ryan Genevieve be appointed as Truck Driver/Laborer Class 4.
- 2. This appointment shall be effective on December 27, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$23.00.
- 3. Mr. Genevieve's employment is contingent upon a satisfactory background check.
- 4. Mr. Genevieve will be a member of the Long Hill Public Works Association and a copy of the Agreement shall be provided.

## RESOLUTION 23-314 RESOLUTION HIRING BUS DRIVER - FUCCI

WHEREAS, the Township is in need of a driver for the senior citizen bus; and

**WHEREAS,** Debbi Fucci has the required commercial driver's license, with passenger endorsement;

**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. Debbi Fucci is hereby hired as bus driver.
- 2. Debbi Fucci shall be compensated \$37.00 an hour, not to exceed 15 hours per week.
- 3. In all other respects, Debbi Fucci's employment shall be governed by the Township Personnel Policies and Procedures.
- 4. Debbi Fucci employment is contingent upon a satisfactory background check.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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## RESOLUTION 23-315 REFUND FOR 2023 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Monteiro, made a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter online duplicate payment of \$3,356.90 on BL12803 Lot 19, 165 Bungalow Terrace

**WHEREAS** the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize the following refund due to an overpayment of \$3,356.90 on Block 12803 Lot 19, 165 Bungalow Terrace, Millington.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector has verified payments received and the Finance director is hereby authorized to refund the amount of \$3,356.90 for the duplicate payment.

> Make check payable to: Dorothy Monteiro 165 Bungalow Terrace Millington, NJ 07946 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## **RESOLUTION 23-316** APPOINTING 2023 / 2024 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 2023 / 2024 Recreation Basketball program effective December 5, 2023

#### Supervisor

Alison Wolf \$25.00/hour

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#### **RESOLUTION 23-317** APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT PBA LOCAL -[SUPERHERO EVENTS]

**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 of the Township Clerk, that all documents have been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby authorize the Township Clerk to approve and sign the application and approve the license S-24-01 for the "Sponsor" Stirling Fire Co., for their Special Event, Super Saturday 10 Miler and 5k to be held on February 10, 2024 with an approved course map starting and ending around Millington Train Station from 9:00AM – 1:00 PM, with a rain date of February 17, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Officer in Charge has reviewed the application and has no objection to the granting of a special permit to be issued to the applicant to sell alcoholic beverages at the affair to be held on the date and premises noted, subject to, however, the following conditions:

- 1. The consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be restricted to the area as outlined in the site plan supplied with the application. No alcoholic beverages shall be possessed or consumed in any area not designated on this site plan.
- 2. No person under the age of 21 shall be served alcoholic beverages. Long Hill PBA Members shall be responsible for verifying the ages of those patrons who wish to consume alcoholic beverages, check identification to verify age, issue wristbands, and monitor the area to prevent "hand off's."
- 3. No person assumed to be under the influence of alcohol shall be served, permitted to walk, or allowed to drive from the event area.
- 4. Alcoholic beverages shall only be served and/or consumed between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm on February 10, 2024

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:

- The Township Committee, the licensing authority of the municipality, has no objection to 1. the granting of a special permit and consents thereto with the special conditions as outlined by the Officer in Charge.
- 2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to approve the municipal certification on the application and submit to NJ ABC electronically. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## **RESOLUTION 23-318**

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## APPROVING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MOUNTAIN LAKES FOR STYROFOAM RECYCLING

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill ("Long Hill") owns a Styrofoam recycling system; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Lakes wishes to utilize Long Hill's Styrofoam recycling system; and

WHEREAS, Long Hill wishes to share its Styrofoam recycling system with Mountain Lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Long Hill and Mountain Lakes have the legal authority to enter into this agreement pursuant to the *Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.;* 

**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 Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Shared Services Agreement with Mountain Lakes for Styrofoam Recycling, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. A copy of the agreement shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk and shall be open to public inspection immediately after adoption of this Resolution.
- 3. The agreement shall take effect upon adoption of appropriate resolutions by both parties to the agreement.

# RESOLUTION 23-319 ASSEMBLY BILL 5659 WORKERS COMPENSATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Local Government is facing the largest budge increase for property/casualty insurance since the mid-1980s; and

**WHEREAS**, The property/casualty budget for the typical municipality has already experienced a 20% to 25% increases since 2021 and will experience another 12% to 20% increase in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey now has the highest workers' compensation premium rates in the country based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, Workers' Compensation escalated because New Jersey judges are now reopening cases up to four and five times, whereas in the past they rarely reopened a case more than once; and

**WHEREAS**, Workers' Compensation also escalated because of a 2021 Department of Labor decision that directed workers' compensation to pay many accident disability claims that previously were paid by the pension plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Another recent law created a presumption that firefighters diagnosed with cancer are eligible for workers' compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, During the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Legislature approved a law that made COVID contracted by first responders and essential employees compensable under New Jersey's workers' statute resulting in the COVID cost per employee being the second highest in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Liability has increased because of the erosions of Title 59 protections in New Jersey's courts. Judges are now reluctant to grant summary judgements dismissing even frivolous claims because of the 2021 New Jersey Supreme Court decision in <u>Gonzalez v. Jersey City;</u> and

**WHEREAS,** The recent amendment in the sexual molestation statute of limitations also increased Title 59 liability costs. In some cases, towns are being sued based on allegations going back to the 1970s; and

**WHEREAS**, Property premiums are increasing rapidly because the world-wide frequency of large natural disasters has almost tripled since 2000. New Jersey alone was hit with Hurricane Irene in 2011, Superstorm Sandy in 2021 and Tropical Storm Ida in 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** Property insurance premiums are also indexed to replacement values that have jumped because of supply chain issues and the labor shortages; and

**WHEREAS,** Cyber liability premiums have more than doubled in recent years. Organizations without strong cyber risk controls are finding it difficult to purchase any coverage.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES THAT:

- 1. The Legislature is urged to adopt budget and tax levy cap exemptions for property/casualty insurance and claims; and
- 2. The Administration and the Legislature should not adopt additional legislation or regulations that will increase municipal claims without a thorough and complete cost analysis of the cost; and
- 3. The New Jersey Department of Labor, the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs should meet with representatives of municipal government to discuss ways to reduce property/casualty costs.

## RESOLUTION 23-320 LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER – PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER BLACK BULL STEAKHOUSE INC

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person-to-person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1430-33-007-0009, heretofore issued to Oren Klein of Auction Advisors as the Court Appointed Receiver of Commonthread Hospitality for premises located at 632 Meyersville Road, Gillette, NJ 07933; and

**WHEREAS,** the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Long Hill Governing Body does hereby approve, effective December 13, 2023, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Black Bull Steakhouse Inc, and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Black Bull Steakhouse Inc, effective December 14, 2023."

#### RESOLUTION 23-321 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified that there are no outstanding invoices and has 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:

#### DEVELOPER'S ESCROW

March Development \$3,221.72

#### **RESOLUTION 23-322**

## AWARD CONTRACT UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-550

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill may use the State of New Jersey State Contracts"in order to allow for the most cost efficient pricing for the Ford F-550"; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Director has reviewed the specifications for the Truck, and they meet the needs of the Township and Route 23 Automall has the vehicle available through the New Jersy State Contract 17-FLEET-00241; and

**WHEREAS**, based on a proposal the Township Committee approves Route 23 Automall for the purchase of a Ford F-550 not to exceed \$94,627.00, to include:

• A new fully equipped 2023 Ford F-550 with dump body and snowplow equipped.

**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 Township Administrator is authorized to prepare a purchase order for the above project to purchase.
- 2. The Chief Finance Officer has certified sufficient funds are available and this contract will be properly charged to the Storm Recovery Trust Fund.

#### **RESOLUTION 23-323**

## A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CHANGE IN SCOPE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR MEYERSVILLE FIELD PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AND PICKLEBALL COURT CONSTRUCTION, LONG HILL TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2023, by Resolution 23-265 the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill awarded a contract to Halecon (Contractor) for the Meyersville Field Parking Lot Improvements and Pickleball Court Construction Project within the township in the amount of \$219,280.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill wishes to include accommodations for future lighting improvements with the installation of electrical conduit prior to the completion of the planned paving; and

**WHEREAS**, the condition of the pavement, upon examination during demolition operations, was determined suitable to remain in place and be repurposed as a pavement base material, eliminating the need for the construction of new base course surface; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the base material necessitated the need to increase the

thickness of the surface course material; and

**WHEREAS**, The Long Hill Township Engineer has reviewed the proposal for the modified scope of work, and finds that the altered scope of work provides greater flexibility for future enhancements at the property, while providing an economic benefit to the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the changes in scope described herein, and detailed on the attached Change Order #1 Form, results in a **reduction** in the total cost of the project of \$36,100.00, for an adjusted project cost of \$183,180.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 13th day of December 2023 by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey:

- 1. That the Township accept Change Order No. 1 for the Price Adjustment and reduction in Contract Amount.
- 2. The Township authorizes and directs the Township Engineer to execute the final Change Order (#1) for the project.

#### **RESOLUTION 23-324**

## APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR TURNOUT GEAR

**WHEREAS**, the Township Long Hill desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for up to approximately \$75,000 to carry out a project to purchase turnout gear for the Millington Volunteer Fire Company.

#### BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

- 1. That the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon 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 Mayor and Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Long Hill and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

## RESOLUTION 23-325 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR STIRLING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR TURNOUT GEAR

**WHEREAS**, the Township Long Hill desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for up to approximately \$75,000 to carry out a project to purchase turnout gear for the Stirling Volunteer Fire Company.

#### BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

- 1. That the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon 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 Mayor and Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Long Hill and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.