



**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES APRIL 22, 2020**

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 specifically, the time, date and public call in information were included in the meeting that 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.*

Mayor Rae **opened the public session** of the meeting at 7:33pm.

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

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

**PROCLAMATION:** *Arbor Day*

*Mayor Rae thanked the Shade Tree Commission and DPW.*

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 20-137 – 20-144 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.

- 20-137            APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES:
- 20-138            APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 20-139            2019 DUPLICATE SEWER PAYMENT REFUND - 141 CARLTON RD., MILLINGTON NJ
- 20-140            AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF OUTSIDE LIEN- #19-0024
- 20-141            AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,047,000 BOND  
ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF  
MORRIS, NEW JERSEY
- 20-142            CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE  
COMPANY FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY
- 20-143            SALARY INCREASE – CHIEF AHMED NAGA

**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 20-137 through 20-143 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Dorsi **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Dorsi; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; yes, Mayor Rae; yes.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **Committeeman Dorsi** reported that DPW is still offering mulch, and discontinued Bulk Pick up. He also thanked the Fire Departments for a quick reaction to a house fire on Passaic Ave and as a result no one hurt.
- **Deputy Mayor Piserchia** thanked the First Aid Squad and the Task Force for all their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Committeeman Verlezza** thanked Lisa Scanlon and DPW for keeping the parks beautiful and commended the residents for obeying social distancing orders. Reminder to stay off the playgrounds
- **Mayor Rae** reported police statistics and urged residents to visit the Police Department website for updates on Executive Orders. Mayor Rae thanked everyone who participated in the Town Hall meeting on Friday that gave residents an update and opportunity to ask questions about COVID 19. He reported that a mental health hotline would be opening up on Friday.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- **Administrator Malool** reported that the new traffic signal is up on Valley and Mountain. After traffic back to normal will reevaluate timing of light. Administrator Malool reported that we received notification that DOT state aid is due July 1<sup>st</sup> and will work with the Township Engineer, DPW Director to recommend projects to recommend to Township Committee. Administrator Malool reiterated there is no Bulk Pick up in April and May due to staffing issues at Republic due to COVID 19. Long Hill Township Code Enforcement Officer will put out notices and will put out violations if not brought in.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- **Central Park and Land Diversion discussion with Township Engineer** – Administrator Malool will reach out to property owner to see if he is willing to sell an easement to the township, and Engineer will get updated appraisals on properties.
- **Late Tax Payment Interest Rate** – CFO recommends extending grace period instead of changing interest, if approved by Director of Local Government Services.
- **Memorial Day Remembrance** – The Township Committee has decided to cancel the annual Memorial Day Parade due to COVID 19 but still wants to recognize veterans. Administrator Malool asked residents to send in photos and messages and put together a slideshow to pay tribute to veterans.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:** none at this time

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Watchung Hills Project Graduation Committee want to recognize the seniors by purchasing lawn signs.
- Mayor Dorsi brought up Alice Recovery Fund for people struggling financially during these tough times.

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

- Former Committeeman Bruce Meringolo was informed that all parks in town are open for passive recreation but playground areas are closed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Deputy Mayor Piserchia and seconded by Committeeman Dorsi, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Megan Phillips*

Megan Phillips  
Approved: May 13, 2020

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**RESOLUTION 20-137  
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 the April 8, 2020 Township Committee Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves April 8, 2020 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	DORSI	x			
x		PISERCHIA	x			
		RAE	x			
		SCHULER				x
		VERLEZZA	x			

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**RESOLUTION 20-138  
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.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	DORSI	x			
x		PISERCHIA	x			
		RAE	x			
		SCHULER				x
		VERLEZZA	x			

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**RESOLUTION 20-139  
2019 DUPLICATE SEWER PAYMENT REFUND - 141 CARLTON RD., MILLINGTON NJ**  
**WHEREAS**, Simplicity Title LLC, 70 Grove St., Somerville, NJ made a duplicate payment of \$800.00 for 2019 sewer bill on BL 12802 L 6.05, 141 Carlton Rd. Millington

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize the following refund due to a duplicate sewer payment of \$800.00 on Block 12802 Lot 6.05, 141 Carlton Rd. 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 \$800.00 for the duplicate payment.

**Make check payable to:**  
Simplicity Title, LLC  
70 Grove St.  
Somerville, NJ 08876

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	DORSI	x			
x		PISERCHIA	x			
		RAE	x			
		SCHULER				x
		VERLEZZA	x			

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**RESOLUTION 20-140  
AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF OUTSIDE LIEN- #19-0024**

**WHEREAS**, funds have been remitted by STEPAHNIE PAMERLEAU to redeem tax sale certificate #19-0024 held by MTAG CC1 NJ II LLC., on Block 13908 Lot 7, 107 LONGVIEW TERRACE., assessed in the name DROUIN, RICHARD & PAMERLEAU, STEPHANIE; and The Township Committee must approve the distribution of these funds.

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, and all redemption monies have been received for redemption.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer is authorized to remit payment of \$1,025.84 plus a premium of \$6,800 for a total of \$7,825.84 to the lienholder:

**Make Redemption check payable to:**

MTAG CUST CC1 NJII, LLC  
PO BOX 123800  
DALLAS, TX 75312

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	DORSI	x			
x		PISERCHIA	x			
		RAE	x			
		SCHULER				x
		VERLEZZA	x			

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**RESOLUTION 20-141  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,047,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris (the "Township") entitled: "Bond ordinance appropriating \$716,000, and authorizing the issuance of \$681,423 bonds or notes of the Township, for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey", finally adopted on July 9, 2014 (#332-14), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$332,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section

3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township entitled: “Bond ordinance providing for the improvement of various roads in and by the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, appropriating \$263,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$249,000 bonds or notes of the Township for financing such appropriation”, finally adopted on May 27, 2015 (#354-15), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$158,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

**Section 3.** Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township entitled: “Bond ordinance appropriating \$965,751, and authorizing the issuance of \$665,751 bonds or notes of the Township, for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey”, finally adopted on June 8, 2016 (#385-16), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$617,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

**Section 4.** Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township entitled: “Bond ordinance appropriating \$1,207,052, and authorizing the issuance of \$474,000 bonds or notes of the Township, for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey”, finally adopted on May 10, 2017 (#400-17), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$400,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

**Section 5.** Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township entitled: “Bond ordinance appropriating \$641,182, and authorizing the issuance of \$593,232 bonds or notes of the Township, for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey”, finally adopted on May 9, 2018 (#415-18), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$540,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the

improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

**Section 6.** All bond anticipation notes (the “notes”) issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the treasurer, the chief financial officer or the acting chief financial officer 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 and shall be signed and sealed by officials and officers of the Township in any manner permitted by N.J.S.A. §40A:2-25. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued hereunder, 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 public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price. 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 hereunder 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.** Any note issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the Township, and the Township’s faith and credit are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the notes and, unless otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

**Section 8.** The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to do all other matters necessary, useful, convenient or desirable to accomplish the delivery of the notes to the purchasers thereof as promptly as possible, including (i) the preparation, execution and dissemination of a Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement with respect to the notes, (ii) preparation, distribution and publication, if necessary, of a Notice of Sale with respect to the notes, (iii) execution of a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, with respect to the notes in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, (iv) increasing or decreasing the principal amount of the notes and

(v) execution of an arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate certifying that, among other things, the Township, to the extent it is empowered and allowed under applicable law, will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that interest paid on the notes is not included in gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**Section 9.** All action heretofore taken by officials and professionals of the Township relating to the sale and award of the notes is hereby ratified, confirmed, adopted and approved.

**Section 10.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	DORSI	x			
x		PISERCHIA	x			
		RAE	x			
		SCHULER				x
		VERLEZZA	x			

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**RESOLUTION 20-142**

**CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that **Molly Hartigan** is an active member of the Millington Volunteer Fire Company and are eligible to be a member of the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	DORSI	x			
x		PISERCHIA	x			
		RAE	x			
		SCHULER				x
		VERLEZZA	x			

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**RESOLUTION 20-143**

**SALARY INCREASE – CHIEF AHMED NAGA**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey does hereby approve the salary increase of Chief of Police Ahmed Naga to an annual salary of \$170,000 retroactive to August 1, 2019.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	DORSI	x			
x		PISERCHIA	x			
		RAE	x			
		SCHULER				x
		VERLEZZA	x			

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