

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 22-180
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF COUNTY DISPATCH CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill ("Township") entered into a contract with the County of Morris ("County") effective January 1, 2014, to provide radio dispatching services for the Township; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 6 of that contract provided that:

"The primary purpose of the radio infrastructure is to satisfy the needs of the County of Morris, and provision of access to this system by the County to the municipality is purely voluntary. Accordingly, the quality of reception in all geographic areas of the county cannot be guaranteed to the municipality. Therefore, the municipality acknowledges that this agreement covers the use of the system as it is established by the County of Morris and the County is not obligated in any way to alter the system to improve access in any geographic area within the county where reception is inadequate for the purposes of the municipality."; and

WHEREAS, there was a recognition at that time that there were some coverage gaps in the Township and there was a note from the County saying that:

"The County radio system does not provide continuous coverage in certain geographical areas of Long Hill Township. The County, however, has plans to improve coverage in this area by the implementation date of this agreement. However, if the improvements are not operational by the implementation date of this agreement, the Township shall have the right to extend the effective date of this agreement until a mutually agreed upon date between the municipality and the County."; and

WHEREAS, in response to coverage issues in 2021, the Township attempted to renegotiate the contract with the County and to adopt a number of amendments including one which would have rewritten paragraph 6 in its entirety, however, the County refused to revise that section saying:

"From a consistency/uniform standpoint and understanding that the Communication Center serves multiple county wide Municipal Public Safety Agencies, the Count is unable to agree to the deletion of paragraph 6.

The County would however agree to executing a sidebar reflecting that the county will continue to provide the existing number of Tango-Tango licenses until the new radio system is completed at which time the County and the Township can mutually evaluate the ongoing needs.

As it pertains to the Wagner Farm Tower site please understand that once Long Hill Twp. formally advises the county that they intend to remain with County Dispatch, the County will re-engage with necessary steps to construct that site. Until such time, the County will explore other potential tower sites that may enhance coverage to the municipalities served by Morris County at a cost that may be less than the Wagner Site . . . "; and

WHEREAS, the County also agreed to amend the 2014 contract with language that would allow "Either party to terminate the agreement without cause by providing one hundred eighty (180) days written notice to the other party."; and

WHEREAS, it would take the Township at least six months to set up an alternate communications system if the coverage gap issues in the Township are not resolved; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township, its police department, its volunteer fire companies and its first aid squad to allow the

County to continue to provide radio dispatching services for the Township;

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 Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Revised Service Agreement for Emergency 9-1-1 Services with Morris County.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement with Morris County for Implementation of an Interface with the County Radio System (Tango-Tango).
3. Copies of both agreement shall be maintained in the office of the Township Clerk and shall be available for public inspection.

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

I, Megan Phillips, Township Clerk of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee June 22, 2022.


Megan Phillips, RMC
Township Clerk