

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2014**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL** Mayor Mignogna, Mr. Friedman, Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Platt, Mr. Spellman, Township Administrator; Mr. Long, Township Solicitor; Mrs. Irick, Remington & Vernick Engineers, Louis Bordi, Police Chief

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT** Mr. Long stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" and has been duly noticed and published as required in the Courier Post and Inquirer Newspapers.

**SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REZONING BLOCK 304.01, LOTS 19, 20, AND 20.01 FROM MB (MAJOR BUSINESS) TO MDR (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)

**MOTION TO TABLE**

THE PUBLIC PORTION: MR. DiNATALE  
SECONDED: MRS. AYES  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

**SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 161 ENTITLED "ABANDONED PROPERTY" AND CHAPTER 58 ENTITLED "DANGEROUS BUILDINGS" OF CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES

**MOTION TO CLOSE**

THE PUBLIC PORTION OF: MR. FRIEDMAN  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: ALL  
NAYES: NONE

**MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. DiNATALE**

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN  
ROLL CALL: FRIEDMAN Y DiNATALE Y  
PLATT Y AYES  
MIGNOGNA Y

**FIRST READING ORDINANCE**

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS ROAD AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$35,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$33,250 MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

**MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT**

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

**FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE**

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$95,000 MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

**MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT**

SECONDED: MRS. AYES  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY - No one spoke**

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MR. DiNATALE  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 191-14 TAX COLLECTOR

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 192-14 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO  
\$148,000.00 OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 193-14 PURCHASES THROUGH STATE CONTRACT  
(Police sedans & SUV's)

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MRS. AYES  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 194-14 RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTY AND  
ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTY FOR LONE DAWG CAFÉ, BLOCK  
270; LOT 26

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MRS. AYES  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 195-14 RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTY AND  
ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTY FOR 44  
VOORHEES ASSOCIATES, BLOCK 160; LOT 3

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MRS. AYES  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 196-14 REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR MUSLIM  
AMERICAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, BLOCK 278; LOT 15

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MRS. AYES  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 197-14 AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT AMONG  
VOORHEES/BERLIN/GIBBSBORO FOR A GRANT  
APPLICATION TO THE COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND  
DRUG ABUSE FOR 2014-2015

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MRS. AYES  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 198-14 APPOINTING RYAN CLARK AS A TRUCK DRIVER IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. DiNATALE  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 199-14 APPOINTING VERLE TYTHER AS A CLERK IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. DiNATALE  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 200-14 APPOINTING KENDRALYN CORNWALL AS SECRETARY  
TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. DiNATALE  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 201-14 AWARDED A BID FOR A TRASH TRUCK TO MID-  
ATLANTIC WASTE SYSTEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. DiNATALE  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 202-14 AWARDED A BID FOR A CNG RECYCLING TRUCK  
TO McNEILIUS TRUCK AND MANUFACTURING

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. DiNATALE  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 203-14 SETTING THE HOURS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. DiNATALE  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 22, 2014  
BILLS POSTED FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2014  
COURT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014  
REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014  
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

MOTION TO APPROVE

ALL OF THE ABOVE: MR. DiNATALE  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

Mayor Mignogna announced to the residents that the unveiling to the Voorhees Township Veteran's Wall of Honor will be held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:00pm at Macy's Court. He also announced that the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween in the Park is scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

David Ringel  
8 Whyte Drive

Mr. Ringel intended to speak to committee regarding properties located on Whyte Drive that appear to be abandoned. He didn't realize the ordinance was in the works and thanked Township Committee for creating and passing this ordinance. He thinks the abandoned properties are not only a health and safety issue and added they are negatively affecting property values.

Township Solicitor Howard Long added that in January 2013, Township Committee did a complete overhaul of the abandoned property ordinance that added stricter penalties, recouped professional fees, and enabled Voorhees to hire contractors to repair the abandoned properties when required. We recognized there was a gap in the law and with a new state law passed on August 16, 2014 we

are now able to hold the property owners responsible. Now that the tools are in place to enforce the new law, we have a newly appointed employee to oversee the abandoned properties. We are aiming to produce a video library of the properties to help manage the task.

Cheryl Lattieri  
41 Brambling Lane

Mrs. Lattieri stated that she has the same concerns as David Ringel due to the neighboring property, 47 & 49 Brambling Lane. She has spoken to the township regarding the property. She does not feel that she should have to maintain the lawn of the properties where residents have moved out and maintenance isn't being performed. She called the police recently because the house had not been closed and secured. She stated the police secured the property after vandals kicked in the door.

Township Solicitor Long stated that the owners walked away from the property. The bank said they would not foreclose on the property and absolved their losses. The township was now forced to repair the property to keep it safe and secure. There are options for the township to lien the property, but then the township would have to renovate and then try to sell the property. Steve Murray stated that it is not in danger of collapsing. The passage of this ordinance will help the township hold the banks and other parties responsible for the maintenance of these properties.

Mario DiNatale asked who has ownership of the property. Mr. Long was not sure and stated that the taxes are not being paid on the property.

Mrs. Lattieri thanked Township Committee.

MOTION TO CLOSE

THE PUBLIC PORTION: MR. FRIEDMAN  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT