

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2014
CAUCUS 7:30 PM – REGULAR MEETING 8:00 – PM**

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FLAG SALUTE

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

ABSENT Mr. Bibbs, Remington & Vernick Engineers

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 UNTIL 9/8/14	MR. DiNATALE
SECONDED:	MR. FRIEDMAN
AYES:	ALL
NAYS:	NONE

PUBLIC PORTION FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY – No one spoke

MOTION TO CLOSE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 169-14 TAX COLLECTOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 170-14 TAX ASSESSOR

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 171-14 APPOINTING WILLIAM WALSH, DANIEL SCHEETS,
ANTHONY DELPALAZZO AND ERIC CAMM AS
POLICE SERGEANTS**

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR PLATT

RESOLUTION NO. 173-14

ACCEPTING RETIREMENT OF TOWNSHIP
EMPLOYEE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 174-14

ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE GUARANTY FOR
MUSLIM AMERICAN COMMUNITY CHURCH,
BLOCK278; LOT 15

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

MINUTES FROM JULY 14, 2014

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. DiNATALE
SECONDED: MR. PLATT
AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 1 – MRS. AYES

BILLS POSTED FOR JULY 28, 2014
BILLS POSTED FOR AUGUST 11, 2014
REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2014
COURT REPORT FOR JUNE 2014

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

MR. DAVID SAUDER
10 ECHELON ROAD
VOORHEES, NJ 08043

Mr. David Sauder, President of the Animal Rights Activist of NJ, addressed the Mayor and Township Committee with a complaint against Dr. Jack Piermatti, who owns the Dental Arts of South Jersey Facility, located at 1001 Laurel Oak Road and Titan Management Corporation. The complaint alleging the improper use of the depredation permit and the concern of the illegal shooting compliance within the 450 ft. guideline limits. Mr. Sauder expressed his concern for the wellbeing of the geese and the safety of the community. Mr. Sauder also questioned if Dr. Piermatti has been given permission by Charles DuMont to use his depredation permit adjacent to his property. Mr. Sauder gave the Township Clerk, Dee Ober, pictures of geese that were dead and

Police Chief, Louis Bordi also addressed Mr. Sauder and the Mayor and Township Committee and noted that an investigation and interview was conducted on Dr. Piermatti federal permit in addition an interview with the New Jersey Conservation was also done. It was found that Dr. Piermatti was within all of the guidelines of his permit and the federal law.

DR. JACK PIERMATTI
14 SINGLE OAK DRIVE

Dr. Piermatti addressed the Mayor and Township Committee and explained the many efforts he has tried over the years to address this problem. He detailed his years of using non-lethal efforts to try and control the population of the geese and their waste that continually surrounds his property and creates a constant health issue to the patrons who are walking on and around his property. Dr. Piermatti has tried in the past, a number of non-lethal options, including hiring "Geese Chasers", performing a process of adding the goose eggs, applying an extremely foul smelling material all over his property to try and keep the geese away and also pyrotechnics. None of these options have been effective. As a last resort, he applied for a depredation permit. This permit is issued by the federal government to help control and eliminate these problems. He explained that his permitted actions were employed approximately two times a year at 6:00 am on a Sunday morning, with police present. A professional hunter, specifically trained in this area, was hired and remained strictly within the guidelines of the federal government law. Afterwards, he removes the carcasses from his property and processes, documents, photos and properly buries each goose. He has found that this has been the only solution to control the population along with their waste.

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

ADJOURNMENT