

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2016
REGULAR MEETING 8:00 PM**

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Friedman, Mr. Platt, Mr. Ravitz, Ms. Nocito, Mayor Mignogna, Lawrence Spellman, Township Administrator, Mr. Long, Township Solicitor.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mr. Long states 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 Newspaper.

PRESENTATION FROM THE VOORHEES TOWNSHIP CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE TO THE VOORHEES TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Cultural Diversity Committee commended the Voorhees Police Department and thanked Chief Lou Bordi for keeping the town of Voorhees safe. Ms. Stephanie Fisher commented on the recent negative press that Police Departments have been receiving. The Cultural Diversity Committee then presented Chief Bordi with a four hundred dollar donation to purchase a K-9 Officer vest, as well as a plaque.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY

MOTION TO CLOSE

**PUBLIC PORTION: MR. FRIEDMAN
AYES: ALL**

**SECONDED: MR. PLATT
NAYS: NONE**

RESOLUTION NO. 162-16

TAX COLLECTOR

**MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO
AYES: ALL
NAYS: NONE**

RESOLUTION NO. 163-16

TAX COLLECTOR

**MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO
AYES: ALL
NAYS: NONE**

RESOLUTION NO. 164-14

TAX ASSESSOR

**MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO
AYES: ALL
NAYS: NONE**

RESOLUTION NO. 165-16

CANCELING OUTSTANDING CHECKS

**MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO
AYES: ALL
NAYS: NONE**

RESOLUTION NO. 166-16

AWARDING A BID FOR BIOXIDE TO EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC

**MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT
SECONDED: MS. RAVITZ
AYES: ALL
NAYS: NONE**

RESOLUTION NO. 167-16

AWARDING A BID FOR TEMPORARY
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO EXPRESS
EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 168-16

AWARDING A BID FOR A 2016 TRASH TRUCK
TO MID-ATLANTIC WASTE SYSTEMS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 169-16

AWARDING A BID FOR A 2016 DUMP TRUCK
WITH STEEL BODY TO HUNTER TRUCK
SALES & SERVICE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 170-16

AWARDING A BID FOR A 2016 FRONT END
LOADER TO GROFF TRACTOR NEW JERSEY,
LLC

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

RESOLUTION NO. 171-16

AWARDING AN RFP TO THE RODGERS
GROUP, LLC FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO
ASSIST IN THE SECURING OF N.J.S.A.C.O.P.
ACCREDITATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 172-16

APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER WACHTER AND
CHARLES SMITH AS CLASS II POLICE
OFFICERS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 173-16

APPOINTING ALAN HUSTED AS SCHOOL
CROSSING GUARD

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

RESOLUTION NO. 174-16

APPOINTING MICHELLE JOHNSTON AS
CLERK/ZONING BOARD SECRETARY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 175-16

APPOINTING MEGAN GILLIKIN AS CLERK IN
THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 176-16

APPOINTING DEBRA BRADSHAW AS
SUPERVISOR, CRIMINAL INFORMATION
RECORDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 177-16

APPROVING A BOND REDUCTION FOR
MUSLIM AMERICAN COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION, BLOCK 278; LOT 15

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

RESOLUTION NO. 178-16

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A
GRANT FROM THE CAMDEN COUNTY
MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR
POLICE ACCREDITATION SERVICES AND
EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT

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

MINUTES FROM JULY 11, 2016
MINUTES FROM JULY 18, 2016
REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2016
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JULY 2016
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2016
CFO'S REPORT FOR BOND SALE 2016
BILLS POSTED FOR JULY 25, 2016
BILLS POSTED FOR AUGUST 8, 2016

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

Mayor Mignogna informed the public that Thursday, August 11th, 2016 is the next show in the Summer Concert Series featuring Eagle Mania. This is a free event for the public.

Michael Friedman wished good luck to English Gardener who is participating in the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Michelle Nocito thanked the public for coming out and enjoying National Night Out.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Rakesh Kohli, of 17 Pavilion Road, spoke to the Township Committee in regards to the increase in his property taxes.

Mr. Ravi Shankar questioned what are the taxes collected for. Mayor Mignogna explained how the taxes are divided for Voorhees residents. He further informed Mr. Shankar that the township only controls about fifteen percent of taxes collected. Township Committee broke down the process to file a tax appeal. Mr. Long informed the Township Committee that they may act as a liason between residents and the Tax Assessor to possibly set up a meeting for further information to be explained.

Dawn Gellar, 21 Hidden Acres Drive, informed the Township Committee that while she was enjoying the dog park with her pet, a pit bull attacked her pet. Ms. Gellar expressed that other towns have registration requirements in order to use the dog park facilities. Committeewoman Nocito informed the resident that they are open to discussion on the matter. Mr. Long explained that there is a process to file a complaint against the owner of a dog who has caused harm to a person.

Talati Girish, 13 Pavilion Road, informed the committee that he filed an appeal for his tax assessment. The county came back from the appeal and actually raised his property value even higher than what the municipality assessed. Mr. Long advised the resident to verify with the tax assessor.

Jatin Mehta, 16 maison Place, spoke to committee about bringing more business into Voorhees Township. Mr. Mehta informed committee that we as a town have a great opportunity to take advantage of our 'medical alley' by enticing new businesses into Voorhees by providing a basis for medical supply companies, or even a nursing school. Mr. Platt strongly encouraged Mr. Mehta to put together a meeting.

Mr. Michael Olivo, residing at 102 Cornell Drive, informed the Township Committee that he was in the dog park the evening that the aforementioned event occurred. Mr. Olivo stated that if a registration process becomes mandatory, it should not exclude any particular breed. He did however agree that better signage could prevent such an unfortunate occurrence from happening again.

Austin Gellar, from 21 Hidden Acres, believes that the public will disregard the signage if placed in the dog parks. Ms. Nocito suggested that he approach the pet shelters and speak to them and share his story in order to create more education.

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

ADJOURNMENT