

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2012**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL** Mayor Mignogna, Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Platt, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Lovallo, Mr. Spellman, Township Administrator; Mr. Long, Township Solicitor; Mr. Bibbs, Township Engineer; Mr. Ciminera, Chief Financial Officer

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

The Solicitor stated for the record that this meeting is held in compliance with the requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" and has been duly noticed and published as required by law.

**FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE**

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET. SEQ. (LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW) BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES AND VIRTUA-WEST JERSEY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 228, LOT 7.02 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF THE OPERATING OF A SANITARY SEWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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

**FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A BILL OF SALE AND ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN SANITARY SEWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES INCLUDING THE DUTCHTOWN ROAD PUMP STATION

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. LOVALLO  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
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. 161-12** AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES AND THE EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 162-12** RESCINDING RESOLUTION 146-12 (ESTIMATED TAX BILLS)

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 163-12**

APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SECONDED:  
AYES:  
NAYS:

MR. LOVALLO  
MR. DiNATALE  
ALL  
NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 164-12**

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE  
Clean Communities Act +\$47,262.83

MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SECONDED:  
AYES:  
NAYS:

MR. LOVALLO  
MR. PLATT  
ALL  
NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 165-12**

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE  
Parks and Recreation +\$5,000.00

MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SECONDED:  
AYES:  
NAYS:

MR. LOVALLO  
MR. PLATT  
ALL  
NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 166-12**

ADOPTING THE YEAR 34 CDBG GRANT AGREEMENT

MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SECONDED:  
AYES:  
NAYS:

MR. LOVALLO  
MR. FRIEDMAN  
ALL  
NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 167-12**

TAX ASSESSOR – SENIOR/VET DEDUCTIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SECONDED:  
AYES:  
NAYS:

MR. LOVALLO  
MR. PLATT  
ALL  
NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 168-12**

APPOINTMENT OF JOSH CRAMER AS VOORHEES  
POLICE OFFICER

MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SECONDED:  
AYES:  
NAYS:

MR. LOVALLO  
MR. FRIEDMAN  
ALL  
NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 169-12**

TAX COLLECTOR  
Tax adjustment Block 150.01/ Lot 2/ Qualifier C0001

MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SECONDED:  
AYES:  
NAYS:

MR. LOVALLO  
MR. FRIEDMAN  
ALL  
NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 170-12**

ESTABLISHING THE EXTENSION OF THE THIRD  
QUARTER GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF  
PROPERTY TAXES

MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SECONDED:  
AYES:  
NAYS:

MR. LOVALLO  
MR. FRIEDMAN  
ALL  
NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 171-12**                      TAX COLLECTOR – RECORDS ADJUSTMENT

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 172-12**                      TAX COLLECTOR – RECORDS ADJUSTMENT

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 173-12**                      AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT  
FOR A PLANNER

MOTION TO APPROVE:                      MR. LOVALLO  
SECONDED:                                      MR. PLATT

Mr. Lovallo stated that he wanted to comment that this contract has to do with our affordable housing trust fund. At the last meeting, he voted against another affordable housing trust fund expenditure. The reason for that was because those funds would come from tax dollars. This contract however is coming from our COAH fund, which is paid for by developers, and because of that reason, he will be voting yes for this.

AYES:                      ALL  
NAYS:                      NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 174-12**                      AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW  
AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
VOORHEES AND VIRTUA-WEST JERSEY HEALTH  
SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF  
FLOAT CONTROLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
DUTCHTOWN ROAD PUMP STATION

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 175-12**                      RELEASING A PERFORMANCE GUARANTY AND  
ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTY FOR  
VOORHEES TRUCK CENTER (HENRY MARTER) BLOCK  
39; LOT 9

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 176-12**                      AUTHORIZATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE  
BERLIN/GIBBSBORO/VOORHEES MUNICIPAL  
ALLIANCE

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 177-12** EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel

Mr. Long stated that the purpose of this session is to conduct an interview for a Human Resources Director. It is anticipated the session will last 20/30 minutes and no action is expected to be taken.

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

MINUTES FROM JULY 9, 2012

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. LOVALLO  
SECONDED: MR. DiNATALE  
AYES: 3  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAINED: 2 MR. FRIEDMAN; MR. PLATT

BILLS POSTED FOR JULY 23, 2012  
BILLS POSTED FOR AUGUST 13, 2012  
COURT REPORT FOR JUNE 2012  
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2012  
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2012  
REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2012  
COURT REPORT FOR JULY 2012

MOTION TO APPROVE  
ALL OF THE ABOVE: MR. LOVALLO  
SECONDED: MR. DiNATALE  
AYES: 4  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAINED: 1 MR. PLATT

Mayor Michael Mignogna administered the oath of allegiance to Officer Josh Cramer, a new appointee to the Voorhees Police Department.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE  
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. David Sauder,  
31210 Echelon Road

Mr. Sauder addressed committee regarding the recent euthanizing of geese at the Echelon Lake by the Echelon Common Facilities Association.

Mr. Sauder stated that he was concerned about the method that was used to euthanize the animals stating that he believes the birds were gassed with carbon dioxide and requested that Voorhees Township advocate that only non-lethal methods be used to eliminate the geese from areas of town.

Mr. Sauder presented a manual to Township Committee that explains multiple non-lethal methods to curtail the geese. Mr. Sauder stated that he would like the Township to advocate against euthanizing and advocate for other methods such as "eagle kites"; animal stands; birth control feed; noises, border collie services, etc. that would eliminate the number of geese in the area without having to resort to killing them.

Mr. Long, Township Solicitor, stated that the Echelon Common Facilities applied for and received a permit through the proper federal agency and that the township cannot take any action against this which would conflict against the issuance of that permit.

Mr. Sauder asked if the Township is prohibited from advocating for non-lethal methods?

Mr. Long stated that they could share that sentiment with other businesses, but could not take any formal action.

**COMMITTEEMAN FRIEDMAN**

Mr. Friedman stated that he would like to comment about the letter that was included with the tax bills. The letter does a good job of explaining the various portions of the tax bill, but he believes the statement about the operating expenses being \$650,000 less than last year is misleading. This makes people think their tax bill will decrease, when in fact it is going up 6%. For the average taxpayer it will increase about \$192.00. He believes these numbers should be in the letter.

Mayor Mignogna stated that the letter was circulated to all members of the Committee, as well as the administrator prior to mailing. Mr. Friedman did submit a comment and the letter was adjusted to provide additional information but there is so much information regarding the budget and there is only so much information that can be put into the letter. The township tried very hard to get the budget information out there by putting it on our website, putting information in newspapers, public meetings, etc. There was no intention to mislead.

**ADJOURNMENT**