

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Mignogna, Mr. Platt, Mrs. Aye, Mr. Friedman, Mr. DiNatale  
Mr. Spellman, Township Administrator;  
Mr. Long, Township Solicitor; Mr. Bibbs, Township Engineer;  
Mrs. Irick, Remington & Vernick Engineers

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

Mr. Long stated for 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.

**FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MRS. AYES  
AYES: 4  
NAYS: 1 – MR. FRIEDMAN

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 70-14** CHANGE ORDER #2 – MJJ CONSTRUCTION  
+ \$9,522.92 Police Building

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 71-14** TAX ASSESSOR – Veteran Deduction

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 72-14** TAX COLLECTOR – Records Adjustment

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 73-14** EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose:  
Litigation  
Contracts

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

Executive session lasted approximately 45 minutes. Following executive session, Committee took action on the following resolution #74-14.

**RESOLUTION NO. 74-14** AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF INSURANCE  
LITIGATION

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

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
BILLS POSTED FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2014  
VITAL STATISTICS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2014  
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2014

MOTION TO APPROVE  
ALL THE ABOVE: MR. FRIEDMAN  
SECONDED: MR. DiNATALE  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE  
MR. PLATT ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE ON THE MINUTES

**COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE –**

Mrs. Ayes asked for an explanation of cap ordinance for anyone watching the video of the meeting..

This ordinance refers to a cap on appropriation increases that the State put into effect in 1977. This ordinance allows us to increase our appropriations base if needed because of some additional revenue source. It also allows us to “bank” any amount remaining under the cap to use the following year if needed.

Mr. Friedman stated that he is concerned the Township could spend more money than allowed under the cap and does not want that to be able to happen. If for example, there were a windfall, he would not want the township to be able to spend the money. He would prefer that it go to tax relief.

Mr. Platt stated that is controlled by our budget but this will give us the ability to have extra funds in case of an emergency. This is not a windfall. This would allow us to go above 2% in cases of emergency and in cases of emergency only. This would give us the ability to obtain funds in an emergency without delay.

Mr. Friedman stated that there are other ways money can be spent and he wants to make sure that if there is a windfall the money cannot be spent.

Mrs. Ayes stated that this is akin to having a “rainy day” account within your family for emergencies.

In further comments, Mr. Platt announced that Channel 3 would be doing a segment on the “Shop Voorhees” Program tomorrow night at 6 PM.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - NO ONE SPOKE**

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

ADJOURNMENT