

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2013**

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL Mayor Mignogna, Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Friedman, Mrs. Ayes, Mr. Platt
Mr. Spellman, Township Administrator; Mr. Long, Township Solicitor;
Mr. Bibbs, Township Engineer

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The Solicitor stated for the record that this meeting is being 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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT AND USE OF SPECIAL CONFLICT COUNSEL

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

RESOLUTION NO. 52-13 APPROVAL OF A TWA APPLICATION FOR *SAFETY IN GROUPS*; BLOCK 207; LOT 4.18

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

RESOLUTION NO. 53-13 ACCEPTANCE OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR HADDONFIELD BUILDING COMPANY, LLC ; BLOCK 292; LOT 1.01

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

RESOLUTOIN NO. 54-13 CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 55-13 ACCEPTANCE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTY FOR SOUTH JERSEY RADIOLOGY; BLOCK 229; LOT 13.01

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56-13 TAX COLLECTOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 57-13 CHANGE ORDER #1 – 2012 ROAD PROGRAM
\$29,824.70 (decrease)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58-13 REJECTING BIDS FOR POLICE GENERATOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59-13 ISSUING ONE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION
HOTEL/MOTEL LIQUOR LICENSE TO 44 VOORHEES
ASSOCIATES, LLC

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60-13 EXECUTIVE SESSION
Burriss Litigation
Discussion on litigation. No action taken

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 26, 2012
MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 10, 2012
MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 26, 2012
COURT REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2012
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2012

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

BILLS POSTED FOR JANUARY 14, 2013

MOTION TO APPROVE MR. DiNATALE
SECONDED: MR. PLATT

Mr. Friedman stated that there may still be some bills in the list that he considers inappropriate for payment and so he will be voting no on the bills.

AYES: ALL
NAYS: NONE

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Platt stated that the Cultural and Diversity Committee held their first meeting of 2013 that evening.

Mr. Friedman commended the police department on their quick capture of a hit-and-run driver who struck two pedestrians. Mayor Mignogna and Deputy Mayor DiNatale also reiterated what a great job the police department did regarding the hit and run accident.

Mr. Friedman stated that at the Reorganization meeting last week, he spoke regarding the appointment of the contractual professionals. He stated that he had diligently reviewed the applications and prepared comparisons looking for the ones that would save the Township the most money and yet do the job. He voiced his objections at some of the appointments at Reorganization. These objections were based upon the higher price charged by others with similar qualifications.

In addition, he did vote for Wade, Long, Wood and Kennedy as Township Solicitor, because he believed the firm was professional, knowledgeable and provided good service to the Township. He had noted, though, that he believed a flat fee service from Township Attorneys would be better for the Township.

However, after this, he was personally attacked by Mr. DiNatale and feels that this was counterproductive. Instead of a reasonable discussion, about the contractors who were chosen, he was attacked for voicing his opinions. If Mr. DiNatale truly cares about fiscal issues, Mr. DiNatale should join him in looking out for the best interest of the town, instead of attacking him. The personal attack was not appreciated.

Mr. DiNatale stated that he appreciates the time Mr. Friedman devoted to his review, but asked if he took the same amount of time to review the numbers he spoke of at the Reorganization meeting. Mr. DiNatale stated that Mr. Friedman's numbers were off by as much as 70%. He stated that he believed Mr. Friedman was using the dais as a political means rather than as a means to provide accurate information.

Mr. DiNatale presented some costs of various services incurred by neighboring towns. A discussion ensued between Mr. DiNatale and Mr. Friedman about which numbers were correct. Mr. Friedman invited Mr. DiNatale to sit down with him and compare apples to apples citing that regardless of what the numbers are, there is always room for improvement.

Mr. Long stated that he would welcome the opportunity to review whether a professional who charges a flat fee is a better bargain than one who charges a per hour fee. He believes it would be beneficial to have such a dialogue. All parties agreed this would be beneficial and stated they would be willing to meet on the matter.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

MS. LINDA GOMBERG
28 OAK RIDGE DRIVE

Ms. Gomberg addressed Committee about the current reassessment being done in the Township. She stated that she was concerned about the accuracy and measurement of the homes because an error had been made in her home's measurement.

Ms. Gomberg questioned why an outside company had been hired to measure Voorhees homes when plans are on file with the Township and could be used to determine measurements.

Mr. Platt stated that it is about accuracy. Many people build additions and accessory uses without getting permits. Filed plans would not reflect this. It is also necessary to have a professional company accurately verify the value of a home and the land.

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

ADJOURNMENT