

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 11, 2016  
REGULAR MEETING 8:00 PM**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE OFFICERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE DALLAS SHOOTING**

Mayor Mignogna and Township Committee conducted a moment of silence for the victims and victim's families of the Dallas shooting that occurred on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**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 FOR COMMENDATION**

Mr. Ravitz presented commendation to Senator Beach, Assemblyman Lou Greenwald and Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt (not present). Mr. Ravitz thanked the Senator and Assemblymen for their hard work in preventing discriminatory practices against the State of Israel.

Senator Beach congratulated the officers who were being promoted this evening. Stated that after the recent events that occurred in Dallas shows all of us how important Law Enforcement Officers are in our communities. Also wanted to thank Mr. Ravitz for the many hours of work he put forth on developing the legislation. Senator Beach also stated that Voorhees Township has the best chief in the State of New Jersey.

Assemblyman Greenwald spoke about his appreciation of the work Police and Fireman do. Mr. Greenwald thanked the officers for their ability to treat the public with both dignity and respect. Further thanked the officers for their care and understanding during times of personal tragedy. Stated that Israel is a remarkable ally to our country and that this legislation sends a message, not just for our state, but for around the country. Thanked the police officers for protecting the public from the people who would wish them harm. Mr. Greenwald further acknowledged the diversity of the population that is present in Camden County. Mr. Greenwald acknowledged the beauty of that diversity and the pride he holds in representing the residents of the county and the opportunity for him to understand the need for this type of legislation. Thanked the Township of Voorhees for recognizing their hard work in passing this legislation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY**

**MOTION TO CLOSE**

PUBLIC PORTION: MR. FRIEDMAN  
AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 144-16

APPROVAL OF AN INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF  
REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET  
(NJ Alcohol Education, Rehab & Enforcement \$1,329.49)

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MS. NOCITO  
AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 145-16 CERTIFICATION OF 2015 AUDIT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 146-16 AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE  
OF UP TO \$9,445,000.00 OF GENERAL  
OBLIGATION BONDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 147-16 AWARDED A BID FOR ONE LEAF VACUUM  
MACHINE TO THE ODB COMPANY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 148-16 APPOINTING KELLY ANDREWS TO THE  
POSITION OF DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK IN  
THE TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 149-16 APPOINTING APRIL HERRINGTON TO THE  
POSITION OF CAPTAIN IN THE VOORHEES  
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 150-16 APPOINTING WILLIAM WALSH AND DANIEL  
SHEETS TO THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT IN

THE VOORHEES TOWNSHIP POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 151-16

APPOINTING DEREK HAWKINS AND JOSEPH  
GONNION TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT IN  
THE VOORHEES TOWNSHIP POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 152-16

APPOINTING DEBRA BRADSHAW TO THE  
POSITION OF SUPERVISOR OF CRIMINAL  
INFORMATION RECORDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 153-16

TAX COLLECTOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 154-16

RENEWAL OF 2016-2017 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR  
BRAZILIAN MEATS, INC.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 155-16

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT  
FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY SIGNAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS ON KRESSON ROAD

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

RESOLUTION NO. 156-16 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT  
FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AT THE LIONS  
LAKE K-9 FACILITY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 157-16 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN RFP O  
ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE  
FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 158-16 AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A  
CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS ROAD AND  
DRAINAGE REPAIRS TO DiMEGLIO  
CONSTRUCTION, INC.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 159-16 AUTHORIZING GRANT SUBMISSION FOR THE  
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND  
DRUG ABUSE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 160-16 APPOINTING ALEXIS BLEATTLE AS CLERK IN  
THE COURT CLERK OFFICE

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

RESOLUTION NO.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES FROM MAY 23, 2016

MOTION TO APPROVE:	MR. RAVITZ
SECONDED:	MR. PLATT
AYES:	4
NAYS:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	MR. RAVITZ

MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2016

MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2016

REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR MAY 2016

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR MAY 2016

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR JUNE 2016

BILLS POSTED FOR JULY 11, 2016

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

Mayor Mignogna took the time to thank the police department for what they do, day in and day out. Mr. Mignogna praised the police for doing their jobs with class and dignity. He assured the Officers of the Township Committee's, as well as the residents of Voorhees, appreciation. Thanked the residents of Voorhees for their outpouring support of the Police Department.

Township Committeewoman Nocito thanked the families of the Voorhees Police Department and for supporting their careers. Acknowledged and congratulated the officers who were being promoted that evening. Ms. Nocito stated that the occupation of being a Police Officer offers the opportunity to help people, however, in doing so are also judged by the court of public opinion. Furthermore, the promotions this evening are a testament of the officer's hard work and dedication. Ms. Nocito offered her sympathy and understanding to the Police Department, knowing that the loss of a member of their profession is a loss felt by all.

Township Committeeman Friedman thanked the officers for their dedication and perseverance that they display on a day to day basis. Mr. Friedman reaffirmed the Police Department that they have the full

support of the Township Committee. Finally, Mr. Friedman congratulated the Officers who were being promoted.

Township Committeeman Platt recalled a conversation with his children about how other towns are facing opposition towards their Police Department. Mr. Platt is grateful that in our town we do not face that problem. He informed the public that it is the attitude and professionalism our Police Department exudes to the residents of our town that has made it what it is today and what it will continue to be. Mr. Platt further thanked and celebrated the Police Officers who were being promoted.

Township Committeeman Ravitz congratulated the officers for their promotions, which are well deserved. Mr. Ravitz expressed that this ceremony is wonderful, due to the celebratory nature created for our Officers, especially during these trying times. Mr. Ravitz further shared that during his own personal experience with emergency personnel, he found himself enthralled with the level of empathy and understanding he and his family experienced. Mr. Ravitz communicated his belief that Voorhees has the best Police Department in Camden County. In conclusion, Mr. Ravitz thanked the public for their support of the Police Department in recent times and applauded the Officers being promoted.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

#### PRESENTATION TO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BY MS BIKE CITY TO SHORE COMMITTEE

Jeff Craighead, from the National MS Society, as well as Bike MS City to Shore, thanked the Township Committee for allowing him to be a guest at the meeting that evening. Mr. Craighead expressed that the Bike City to Shore event is crucial to the MS Society, as it represents half of the annual budget. Forty-three percent of the money raised goes back to local communities to people who suffer from MS. Mr. Craighead further stated that a good portion of the money raised is also given nationally for research. He informed the Committee that there are currently three hundred research projects, which represent fifty million dollars, of which Mr. Craighead's chapter has contributed over four million dollars of that total. He further acknowledged and asked the Committee to recall the unfortunate cancellation of last year's event, due to a passing hurricane. With excitement, Mr. Craighead declared that the bike riders are ready and determined for this year's upcoming event. Furthermore, he recognized that the large volume of cyclists traveling through various municipalities can create dilemmas for local residents. Mr. Craighead assured the Township Committee that efforts are being made to further educate cyclist on both safety and courtesy. He assured the Committee that their organization will continue to work with Police Officers to reassure the event remains safe and enjoyable for everyone. Once again, Mr. Craighead thanked the Township committee for their support of the event and presented them with a plaque acknowledging their dedication.

Mayor Mignogna conveyed the Townships pride to support this excellent program and thanked Mr. Craighead for all the work that his organization accomplishes.

#### PRESENTATION TO OFFICER DEREK HAWKINS FROM THE PHILLIPINE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Gwen Devara acknowledged and thanked all of the Voorhees Police Department. Specifically, Ms. Devara recognized Officer Derek Hawkins for his exemplary service during a home robbery. Ms. Devara presented a plaque to the officer and expressed her pride for the Voorhees Police Department.

#### THE FOLLOWING POLICE OFFICERS WERE SWORN IN

Derek Hawking – Sergeant in the Voorhees Police Department  
Joseph Gonnion – Sergeant in the Voorhees Police Department  
William Walsh – Lieutenant in the Voorhees Police Department  
Daniel Sheets – Lieutenant in the Voorhees Police Department  
April Herrington – Captain in the Voorhees Police Department

#### ADJOURNMENT