

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 18, 2016
REGULAR MEETING 8:00 PM**

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Friedman, Mr. Platt, Mr. Ravitz, Ms. Nocito, Mayor Mignogna

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mr. Long stated 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.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE 3 POLICE OFFICERS WHO WERE TRAGICALLY
KILLED IN BATON ROUGE**

Mayor Mignogna and Township Committee conducted a moment of silence for the three police officers who were shot and killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: MR. PLATT

AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MR.FRIEDMAN

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 161-16

**ENDORING AN AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT
AND FAIR SHARE PLAN**

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ed Micua, of 11 Camden Avenue, Voorhees, NJ, stated that it has come to his attention that Voorhees Township is considering a takeover of the Voorhees Fire District. Mr. Micua asked the Township Committee if this is in fact true, as he is considering running for Fire Commissioner. Mr. Long informed Mr. Micua that no formal action has of yet been taken by the Township Committee; however there have been grave concerns about the status of the Fire Department. Mr. Micua further inquired if it is the opinion of the Township Committee whether or not he should put in the effort to run for Fire Commissioner with the possibility of the Department being dissolved. Mr. Long responded to Mr. Micua that a decision would be made on the matter before petitions for the position are due, therefore his time will not be wasted. Councilman Harry Platt questioned Mr. Micua on his reasons for running for the position of Fire Commissioner. Mr. Micua informed the Township Committee that he has well over fourteen years of experience in the field and that he wants to make a difference in Voorhees. He further informed the Committee that he has witnessed fire departments in other towns successfully create a cohesive department, which includes both career and volunteer fire fighters. Mr. Micua stated that the current state of the Fire Department has left him feeling disgruntled and frustrated, yet eager to make a positive impact on the situation. Mr.

Platt thanked Mr. Micua for his comments as it helps give the Township Committee further insight into the issues the Fire Department has been facing. Furthermore, Mr. Micua expressed that these issues have been on-going and have been something the public has been aware of for quite some time. Mr. Micua informed the Township Committee that he looks forward to the study that will soon be released which analyzes the state of the fire department and looks forward to positive changes in the future.

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: MR. PLATT

AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MR.FRIEDMAN

NAYS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT