

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL Mayor Mignogna, Mr. Platt, Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Lovallo, Mr. Spellman, Township Administrator; Mr. Bibbs, Township Engineer; Mr. Wood, Substitute Township Solicitor; Ms. Irick, Remington & Vernick

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.

SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 221-12

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL OF CASH RECEIPTS

MOTION TO CLOSE		MOTION TO APPROVE:	MR. LOVALLO
THE PUBLIC PORTION:	MR. LOVALLO	SECONDED:	MR. PLATT
SECONDED:	MR. DiNATALE	ROLL CALL:	MAYOR MIGNOGNA Y MR. PLATT Y
AYES:	ALL		MR. DiNATALE Y MR. LOVALLO Y
NAYS:	NONE		MR. FRIEDMAN Y

SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 222-12

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR PROPERTY TAX REFUND CREDITS INCURRED BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$1,261,511 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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AYES:	ALL		MR. DiNATALE Y MR. LOVALLO Y
NAYS:	NONE		MR. FRIEDMAN Y

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2013 FEE SCHEDULE

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

PUBLIC PORTION FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY - No One Spoke

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

RESOLUTION NO. 224-12 TAX COLLECTOR – Veteran Deductions

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

RESOLUTION NO. 225-12 TAX ASSESSOR – Senior Deductions

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

RESOLUTION NO. 234-12 PERSON-TO-PERSON/PLACE –TO-PLACE
TRANSFER OF CONSUMPTION LICENSE 0434-33-
013-005) TO BRAZILIAN MEATS, INC

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

RESOLUTION NO. 235-12 APPOINTING ELAINE ADAMSON AS HOUSING
INSPECTOR TRAINEE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 236-12 REJECTING BIDS FOR EMERGENCY BACK-UP
GENERATOR FOR THE VOORHEES POLICE
DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. Lovallo left the dais.

RESOLUTION NO. 237-12 APPOINTING JOSEPH LOVALLO AS MUNICIPAL
DEPARTMENT HEAD (PUBLIC WORKS)

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

Mr. Friedman stated that he would be voting “no” on this resolution. He stated that he felt the Township had not done enough to find the most qualified candidate for the job. He noted that while he had nothing personal against Mr. Lovallo, Mr. Lovallo’s background and expertise were not in the area of public works. Mr. Friedman stated that he would like to see someone with a degree in engineering fill the position. Mr. Friedman also cited concern that Mr. Lovallo’s appointment appears to be “orchestrated”.

Mr. Spellman noted that the position had been advertised in the Courier Post and numerous resumes’ were received. These resumes’ were reviewed by himself, the human resources supervisor and a public works supervisor and narrowed down to a field of five, one of which was Mr. Lovallo. After conducting personal interviews with each of the candidates, two of the three reviewers chose Mr. Lovallo as the most qualified.

Mr. Platt stated that the appointment has not been “orchestrated”. Former public works directors did not have engineering degrees. This is a managerial position and Mr. Lovallo has managerial experience. Due to his extensive involvement in the town as a Committeeman and as with the recreational board, Mr. Lovallo also has a knowledge of the town, the people and what needs to be done that a new person, whether engineer or not, would not bring with them.

Mr. DiNatale stated that Mr. Lovallo should not be excluded from the position because he was a member of Township Committee and does not agree that a degree in engineering is required for the position.

Mr. Friedman stated that he did not say Mr. Lovallo should not be considered because he is on Committee, but questions whether he would have been considered if he had not been on Committee.

AYES: 3
NAYS: 1 – MR. FRIEDMAN

BILLS POSTED FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2012
MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. DiNATALE
SECONDED: MR. LOVALLO
AYES: 3
NAYS: 1 MR. FRIEDMAN

Mr. Friedman stated that he was voting “no” on the bill list in objection to any payments listed for Stephen Altamurro, Esquire

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

Mayor Mignogna announced the retirement of long-time employee, Mary Gard on December 1, 2012.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Alice Silverman thanked the Committee for their support regarding the resolution for the “Good Samaritan Act”.

ADJOURNMENT