

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REORGANIZATION AGENDA  
JANUARY 5, 2017  
6:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY LAWRENCE SPELLMAN, ESQ., TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Platt Mr. Ravitz Ms. Nocito Mr. Mignogna

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT BY LAWRENCE SPELLMAN, ESQ., TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**

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**SWEARING IN OF COMMITTEEMAN**

Michael Friedman by Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno

Mr Friedman: Thank you very much. I will try to be as brief as possible because I know the Mayor has a speech coming up to. I had a nice speech drafted for today, had it saved on my computer. I came into the office this morning on my laptop and the whole thing crashes, so I am blaming Vladimir Putin for that one. I managed to write down some thoughts because I really am appreciative of all of you folks being here. First, Lieutenant Governor Guadagno, thank you for doing me the honor again. We were here three years ago, I have a feeling you are being called upon to do quite a few of these right now and you are doing a great job getting around to all of the towns. I am very appreciative that you fit us into your busy schedule but I am more appreciative of you taking very tough stances sometimes in Trenton, sometimes not always the most popular, but you truly have the New Jersey tax payer at heart, so I thank you for taking those difficult stances. You've always been a champion for New Jersey businesses. When I first met you at the Chamber of Commerce you made that clear when you gave your phone number to everyone in the audience, you're probably regretting that right now, especially for your support of the New Jersey State of Israel relationship. I serve on that Commission and you've always been a big supporter, so thank you so much. I would like to thank my folks for coming in from beautiful Monmouth County, my liberal democratic parents, thank you for your support. My Mom, she's a character, she'll say you know I might be bias, but I really do think you are the best candidate. So thank you Mom for your unbiased opinion. Next, I would like to thank my beautiful and more importantly, patient wife Jamie, with the three kids hanging off of her right now. For all of her support and love over the past six plus years that I have been involved with Township Committee. Local politics is not easy, especially when you are a republican in Camden County. But Jamie has been my rock and the backbone of our family and I could not have won another term, nor served the last six years without her and her continued support. I have to say, while Jamie is fairly A-political, really doesn't have any interest in politics, shies away from confrontation, which is the exact opposite of me, with some of the nonsense and misrepresentations that she saw come my way from the opposition from the campaign this year, she really started to get fired up. Which is interesting, it is a side of her I hadn't really seen before. So it was really interesting, so Jamie, maybe there is a future for you in politics, we'll see. Yes, no? But I would also like to thank my four wonderful kids, Malary, Zach, Nick and Brendan for your love and support and for sharing Daddy at times this year, especially my son Zach, who was a big help on the campaign trail. When he took time away from his I-Pad and his Xbox and whatever other game he likes to play, but he was helping me knock on doors and did a great job. I would like to thank my twelve year old nephew Robert, he couldn't be here tonight, but Robert just moved here about a year ago with his Mom and Dad to Voorhees. Despite being an avid Hilary Clinton supporter, he served as my Sturbridge Hill block captain and did a great job getting the word out, so I think there is a future for him. It is you kids and your friends and classmates who have served and have continued to serve as the inspiration for me originally to get involved and certainly to stay involved in local government, so that we ensure that Voorhees, we have a Town in which can grow and flourish and can reach its true maximum potential. That is why I continue to support class two police officers in our schools, so that you have a safe environment in which to learn. I will continue to support the upkeep and improvements to our Township's recreational facilities so that you have the opportunity to learn and grow outside of the classroom as well. For me, through college, athletics were such an essential part of my growth. It taught me discipline; it taught me teamwork, leadership. It taught me how to get up when I got knocked down and it honed my competitive spirit. With facilities and programs here in Voorhees all of you will have the opportunity to do the same. Such facilities will further ensure that we are able to attract hardworking young families to Voorhees so that it remains one of the jewels of South Jersey. Next, I would like to thank my hard working campaign manager, Brian MacGovern. We've been through three elections together. I want to thank you for your creativity, your guidance. Brian is expecting his second child in a

few months with his wonderful wife, Rebecca. So he is what we call in our house, an amateur. Call me when you get to number four. I want to thank my friend Tom Booth for your advice, your counsel and your support. You're going to make a great judge and we are looking forward to seeing you up there behind the bench Tom. I want to thank the wonderful volunteers at the Voorhees Republican Club and the CCGOD for believing in me and helping out when it counted. You folks weren't sacrificing your time or donating your hard earned money in the hopes of being paid back by some job or being appointed to some board, you were doing so because you cared deeply for our town and you wanted to ensure that we had much needed check and balances in local government and to ensure that we have a Voorhees that works for and is responsive to all of its residents. Lastly, but certainly not least I want to thank the incredible residents of Voorhees, for again instilling your faith and more importantly your trust in me for another three years. This year we face quite a mountain. We were outspend again two to one, we again had a voter registration disadvantage of at least two and a half to one and we had one of the most unpopular presidential nominees in history, leading our ticket, who would go on to lose Voorhees by about three thousand votes. But so many of you are kind enough to come over to our column after you did your thing in the Presidential column and selected me for Township Committee. For that I am humbled and grateful. Some of you never voted Republican before and you took the leap of faith so I want to earn your trust. In fact, from the records available to me, since 99' we received more votes than any other Republican candidate for Voorhees Township Committee in any election cycle to date. But people were not voting for party, they were voting for good government. They were voting for responsible government. They were voting for transparent government and a government which obtains real solutions to problems affecting its citizens. They were voting for someone who they knew would work just as hard here in town hall as he does in the campaign trail. President John F. Kennedy once stated, and I'll spare you the impression, "let us not seek the Republican answer or the democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past but accept our own responsibility for the future." Indeed I pledge to continue to seek the right answer and solutions for our residents and I proudly accept the awesome responsibility to preserve our great township for the future, working alongside my fellow committee members. Lastly, I pledge to never sacrifice my principles or my integrity in this office because without these two qualities, we as human beings are truly empty and we cannot lead. My loyalty is and always will be to you, the Voorhees resident and not to any other entity or interest. I thank you all again for this tremendous honor and as I have enthusiastically done for the last six, I look forward to serving you all faithfully and steadfastly for another three years. Thank you again.

#### **ROLL CALL OF FULL COMMITTEE**

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

#### **MOTION TO NOMINATE THE MAYOR**

MOTION TO NOMINATE MAYOR: MR. RAVITZ MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS: MR. RAVITZ  
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN  
AYES: ALL AYES: ALL  
NAYS: NONE NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: MR. PLATT (TEMPORARILY LEFT THE ROOM)

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF MAYOR**

Mr. Friedman - Y Mr. Ravitz - Y  
Mr. Platt - ABSENT Ms. Nocito - Y  
Mr. Mignogna - Y

#### **SWEARING IN OF MAYOR**

Michael Mignogna by Steven Mignogna, Esq.

Thank you very much to my fellow Committeemen, to our honored guests. I see Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt and Freeholder Jonathan Young, thank you for coming. If I am missing any other elected officials, I apologize to our honored guests and friends. First let me congratulate my colleague, Mike Friedman on his re-election. Congratulations to him and his beautiful family, I look forward to working with you over the next year. As we like to say this time of year, the campaign is over and it's time to govern. I want to thank all of my colleagues on this Township Committee for once again giving me the honor and the privilege to serve as the Mayor of this wonderful community. I have never taken this honor lightly. I promise you that I will work hard to make you proud to represent Voorhees proudly and to be the best ambassador that I can for Voorhees Township. As I always like to do when I have the opportunity before we move forward into 2017, I'd just like to touch on some highlights of this past year. I'll try to be done before the snow starts, if that's okay. I always like to start with our biggest projects certainly which is the Voorhees medical campus, which is the medical mile on route 73. Amazingly enough this past May marked five years that this economic magnet came to our town. It has anchored what we like to call the medical mile and this year we added the Samaritan hospice, the only free standing hospice in South Jersey to that medical mile. That project has been such a success, that this past year I was invited by the South Jersey development Council to speak about the carters of construction and I was proud to share with them how that carter developed and how that medical mile has been such a success in

Voorhees Township. This Voorhees Town Center continues to be a destination and a downtown that we never had before, despite the announcement of Macy's closing, which was not unexpected by any of us, we kind of saw that coming. They're closing stores all over the county. We have been working and will continue to work with the owners of this Town Center and with the county and with the state to make sure that space is occupied and put to good use. This Town Center has become quite the destination again, hosting such great community festivals as our Halloween festival. This year we partnered with the Town Center to make it a week long party, why not make it a week long instead of a day? We had a beer garden, we had bands and we had Thriller night. It was a great week. Thousands came to our Halloween parade where I once again got to welcome Santa Claus to Voorhees Township, which is always one of the highlights of my year. Our restaurant row continues to thrive, if you haven't checked it out, please check it out. We continued, this Township Committee worked hard to maintain the infrastructure of this Township, which may not be the most evident or the most obvious parts, but they are so important that those things be maintained. Kresson road was repaved by the County. It rides like a pillow, I can tell you that because I drive it every day. We continue year four of our five year road program, this year repaving Echelon Road, Centennial Boulevard, Woodhurst Road, Brooke Stone Drive, Arcadia Drive and Peregrine. We put sidewalks along Kresson Road from Ravenowitz Baseball complex to School Lane, with a one-hundred thousand dollar grant that we received. We redesigned and rebuilt the intersection of Centennial Boulevard and Egg Harbor Road to make it safer for pedestrians, for motorist and bikers. With a one-hundred and ninety two thousand dollar grant we received from NJDOT, we extended our bike paths from Lippincott to Victor Blvd. We also rebuilt the Sturbridge Lakes pump station. We continued and will continue to make sure that our parks and our fields are the best in South Jersey. With a twenty-five thousand dollar grant we put swings in the Sandpiper and Greenridge playground and improved the circuit course at Connely Park. With County grants we put playground equipment in Hale Park. We resurfaced the tennis court and basketball courts at Lake Villa and Shepard Road basketball courts. We widened and improved the entrance to Stafford woods Trail and to the disk golf course that we have over there and we added handicap parking. We signed a contract to put synthetic turf at our soccer complex next year and we formed a wonderful partnership with the students with the Voorhees Middle School, the Voorhees Trail Blazers to create a trail through the woods behind the Voorhees Middle School. We continue to improve our environment using CNG trucks, which use thirty percent less gaseous green gasses emitted. We continue our coalition with the Kirkwood residents to hasten the cleanup of Kirkwood Lake by the EPA and the DEP. We ran clean up days to help beautify the area during that process. Voorhees Township, I am proud to say, recycled about thirty tons of trash this past year, saving us one-hundred and ninety six thousand in tipping fees. On November sixteenth, at the NJLOM in Atlantic City I was proud to accept the silver certification that was awarded to Voorhees Township by Sustainable Jersey. Our green team and our environmental commission have worked so hard to make Voorhees such a sustainable community. We are one of only forty one towns in the entire state to reach the silver level, which is the highest level. We worked hard to improve and maintain our public safety and to protect our residents. We hired three new police officers, bringing the total to fifty. We continued our program of a cop in every school. We continued with cops having body cameras. We continued our successful programs of the junior police academy, the safe exchange zone, the DNA home asset, the next door app, which allows residents to share information with one another. Our re-ticketing program that allows our officers to issue summons more efficiently and be able to spend more time on the street. Project Medicine Drop, our kids ID, anonymous tip line, Nixel, our safecam program and our drive sober or get pulled over program. This year we reupped our agreement with Evesham Township and the Evesham Voorhees Saves Lives Program. Over two thousand rides have been given safely to Voorhees and Evesham residents. If one life has been saved by that program it's been well worth it. New initiatives by our police and public safety, we had our first adult police academy this year. It was well attended and it was a good time. I think we had a lot of people learn a lot. Our police website was upgraded allowing people to request police reports and ask for vacation checkups online. We had our first coffee with a cop, allowing our residents to sit and chat and have a cup of coffee with our officers. Our police officers, especially our chief, were involved with a program called 'Scared Straight', which heightened the awareness of the drug epidemic in suburban areas. It's not just an urban or city problem. At no cost and I hope we never have to use it; we got an armored personnel vehicle. Our police officers do a lot of the street and in the community. This year they were involved in No Shave November, raising money to fight cancer. They installed a wounded veteran parking space in front of the police headquarters and in honor of our police department, and again which I think is the best police department in South Jersey, we painted a blue line on White Horse Road in front of the police department to honor them. Last year based on numerous requests from residents and full time fire fighters themselves, we initiated an investigation into the Fire Department to determine if it made sense for the best interest of our residents to consolidate that department. We continued to make local government more efficient, more accessible and transparent by hiring an IT director, creating a new website, creating an app that continued with our facebook and our twitter and Voorhees Township now has an instagram. Our community events and traditions were bigger and better than ever. We had our thirteenth annual summer concert series with tributes to Springstein, the Eagles and Jimmy Buffet and our annual movie night in the park 'Inside Out'. Our international day was bigger and better than ever on October first, sponsored by our diversity committee, who also by the way along with their foundation donated money to our police department this year to buy a vest for one of our K-9's. We had our thirtieth Woofstock at Connolly Park. The Voorhees Breakfast Rotary again sponsored our egg hunt at Lions Lake. The Voorhees-Cherry Hill Relay for Life was again a success

fighting cancer. Our Voorhees animal shelter kicked off their campaign to build a new facility on Cooper Road. Since 1988 that group has cared and treated for twenty thousand animals. Thanks to our Director of Public Safety Michelle Nocito. We had our first car show this year, raising money for our police foundation. Our Township Committee worked hard on what is always our biggest challenge, which is to stabilize taxes while still providing what our residents have learned, or have come to expect and deserve. We have twenty three less full time employees in town hall that we did in 2009. We continued with our sidearm trash pick-up for trash and single stream recycling. We continued with sensible shared services agreements with Eastern High School, Voorhees Schools, Gibbsboro, Laurel Springs, Brooklawn, Pine Valley, Stratford and Camden County. We continued our partnership with an energy company that allows us to buy our energy directly from the source, saving us about a hundred and twenty five thousand dollars a year. We continued the use of CNG trucks saving us thirty five thousand dollars a year. In our fuel tank at our DPW headquarters; saves us twenty-five thousand dollars a year. We worked hard to generate new business in our town and to help existing businesses thrive. Our Shop Voorhees program has become a model for surrounding towns. We have approximately; well not approximately, we have fifty four businesses involved. Over twenty five hundred households are part of the program, with hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax credits being saved. I was on the phone today with a reporter from Philadelphia Magazine who is actually doing a special report on it. Because of the success of that program, other area towns including Haddonfield are going to follow that model and do the same thing. Our economic Development Committee had its first small business and home based networking symposium, allowing small businesses in the area to share ideas and issues. We continue with our live where you work program and our small business Saturday. We had many new businesses come into town, including CH Robinson at the Echelon Plaza bringing ninety new jobs to Voorhees Township. The Samaritan Hospice, as part of our medical mile on route 73, the patient first, they had their grand opening yesterday on 561. The Echelon Health and Fitness and I was proud and pleased to do the first pour at the new Ott's in Voorhees. One of the highlights of my year. As I say every year, the thriving business is a team effort between this Township Committee, between the Voorhees Business Association, and our Economic Development Committee, as well as our residents. Year by year that team has become closer and learned to work together for the, really for the sake of our business community. I'm very proud of that coalition. While 2016 was busy, we look forward to a very busy and productive 2017. We'll continue to work hard to control spending and to do more with less. The last three years we have applied for and received three point one million dollars in grants in Voorhees Township. We'll look to expand sensible shared services programs, promote and expand our Shop Voorhees Program, work to make route seventy three continue to flourish as our medical mile and continue to grow and continue to work to make this Town Center become the downtown that we never had. We'll look to maintain and continue to improve our infrastructure, our 2017 Road Program will include improvements to Millburn Way, Cedar Hill Court, Dunhill Drive, Hazelhurst Drive, Brookstone Drive, Alluvium Lakes Drive, Jakamar Drive, Warlber Drive, Jarako Drive, Chandler Drive and Morgansy Drive. I like to mention it in case you live in one of those drives. We'll continue to work on our fields and parks, like I said earlier we will be installing some synthetic turf at the Maiaroto Soccer Complex allowing that field to be used year round. We're going to rebuild the Beagle Club pump station; we're going to install sidewalks along Somerdale Road to make it safer for our students at Osage and for the residents who live along there. We're going to put swings at Kirkwood Park and Lakeville playgrounds as well as a tot lot and we're getting a new CNG bus for our beloved senior community. Environmentally, we will continue to work with Kirkwood Lake to get that lake cleaned up, to work with our green team to continue to make Voorhees more sustainable and consider putting a solar field at our Voorhees Environmental Park. In terms of public safety, we will continue to give our Chief the resources that he needs to make sure our families can sleep well at night. We are going to continue with our cop program in every school and our Evesham Voorhees saves lives program. We have to work on that program to get the word out to make sure that the people who live in Voorhees are aware of that program and take advantage of it. We'll continue to investigate whether it makes sense to merge our fire department into the Township. We will continue with our community events, our summer concerts, our international day, the Halloween festival and our National Night Out. We want to make those bigger and better than ever. As I like to say every year and I really mean this, that Voorhees, I've been in Voorhees Township since 1985. Voorhees is a great community and a great place to live but it's a great community because of the people. The people who live in Voorhees Township, like my dear friend Leah Strain. Leah spent twenty years as the Voorhees drama director at Voorhees Middle School, guiding thousands of children in plays, including my own children. She helped those kids find their passion, she helped them come out of their shell and after twenty years and two decades of service, this year she retired. Many of her students came back, for what was a very emotional show. Leah is a very special person. Voorhees is special because of families like the Gunthers, the Dinatells and the Jasckals, who turned the grief of losing a loved one into a passion for helping others. Voorhees is special because of our own investigator Michael Perez. Michael investigated the theft of a bicycle from a fifteen year old boy this year, unfortunately the kid didn't have a lot of money and through the course of the investigation, Michael Perez took it upon himself to start a Go Fund Me page, to raise money to buy a new bike for this young man. Fortunately enough, contributions came in and Mike was able to and present a new bike to the young man in a very emotional thing. The kid couldn't have been more appreciative and those are the kinds of things that our cops do that make me very proud. Some personal memories from 2016, participating in Eastern's 50<sup>th</sup> graduation, cheering on our field hockey team for their 18<sup>th</sup> straight state title and knowing my daughter was part of that legacy; spending a morning with

my friend and colleague Michelle Nocito with fourth graders at ET Hamilton School. Being amazed by the innocence and the intrigue and the curiosity of those kids as they studied what local government is all about. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, adding thirty eight names to our Voorhees Veterans Wall of Honor, bringing the total to three hundred and thirty four. All of you passed that this evening coming in here, if you haven't had an opportunity to take a look at it, please stay a moment and read some of those plaques because it is a very special wall. I had the honor of attending a candlelight ceremony, along with our Chief and other officers in Berlin, sponsored by the FOP Lodge fifty six, the ceremony was to give support to the families of fallen officers. It was unbelievable to me that to see the loyalty and the emotion that officers from all over South Jersey showed to these families and the stories that came out of that evening, it was very inspirational. Again, it makes me very proud of our chief our police officers and in that regard during a weekend this past September, our police hosted the family of Richard Martin. Richard Martin was a Houston police officer who lost his life in the line of duty. Our junior police academy dedicated their entire week in the memory of that fallen officer. Our police hosted the family; everything was paid for to fly them in, to take them out to dinner. They took them to a Phillies game, they got to go on the field and it's just very, very special to know that that kid and those families have families all over the country in the form of their brothers and sisters in the police department. I was inspired by the legs of a young lady that I coached many, many years ago, English Gardener, who won an Olympic gold medal as a sprinter this past summer, an Eastern High School and Voorhees young lady who was very inspiring and made me very proud. I also was inspired by another young man who wasn't able to walk, who wasn't able to run, who spend seventeen years at the Voorhees pediatric facility and spent much of his time at Eastern High School. He became known as Mr. Eastern. Many of you may know him, many of you may not. His name is Bruce Jackson and he died this past December tenth. Bruce was such an inspiration to the students and the faculty at Eastern; he used to lead the football team out onto the field, used to lead the field hockey players. His infectious smile and his inspiration were just amazing to me and the Eastern family. He will be missed. He will certainly be missed. The highlight of my year came in June when I became a grandfather. Lucy Marie came into the world and immediately my life got a whole lot better, so that was the highlight of my year. Some people that I would like to thank in closing, I would like to thank our Township employees, our township professionals, thanks to the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make this government work; the members of our boards and committees and commissions who give us their most valuable asset, which is their time. Thank to my brother Steve for again swearing me in, to my wonderful son Matt for holding the bible tonight. All of my children make me proud and I say this every year, I do this for them and now I can that that I do this for my granddaughter, which is cool. Thank you so much for being here, thank you for your support and have a Happy New Year.

## **PUBLIC PORTION FOR RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION TO CLOSE: MR. FRIEDMAN

SECONDED: MS. NOCITO

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 1-17      Appointments by the Mayor

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MS. NOCITO

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 2-17      Appointment of Deputy Mayor

MOTION TO APPROVE: MS. NOCITO

SECONDED: MAYOR MIGNOGNA

AYES: 4

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: MR. FRIEDMAN

## **SWEARING IN OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Jason Ravitz by Stuart Platt, Esq.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-17      2017 Temporary Budget

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 4-17 Appointment of Township Solicitor  
**Wade, Long, Wood & Long, LLC (Howard Long/Christopher Long)**

Mr. Friedman comments that the Township Committee should explore paying for this position to be a flat fee method, like other towns are starting to do. In fact, the other bidder I spoke with on the phone and they seemed to be willing to do a flat fee situation, so just to be able to control costs in the future and cut expenses, I think it's something we should explore at some point.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5-17 Appointment of Township Auditor  
**Bowman & Company, CPA, P.C. (Daniel DiGangi)**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6-17 Appointment of Township Engineer  
**Remington & Vernick Engineers & Affiliates (Wendell Bibbs/Sara Irick)**

Mr. Friedman: Mr. Mayor, I will be voting no on this resolution. While they are an excellent firm they're significantly more expensive than at least one of the other bidders, ERI. So, I will be voting no solely on that issue.

Mayor Mignogna: Any other discussion?

Mr. Ravitz: Mr. Mayor, I will be voting no on this as well. Not because of the cost, or anything of that nature, I would have liked to see some change in the township professional structure this coming year, but I respect the will of the committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO  
AYES: 3  
NAYS: MR. FRIEDMAN, MR. RAVITZ

RESOLUTION NO. 7-17 Appointment of Broker for Property & Casualty Insurance  
**Hardenbergh Insurance Group (Richard Hardenbergh)**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 8-17 Appointment of Broker for Health Insurance  
**HR&S Financial Services, LLC (Kurt Stroemel)**

Mr. Friedman: Mr. Mayor, I will be voting no on this resolution, solely again due to cost. The other qualified bidder is willing to provide advice and counseling for no cost at all, while the professional selected is charging one hundred and fifty dollars an hour for consulting.

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ  
SECONDED: MR. PLATT  
AYES: 4  
NAYS: MR. FRIEDMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 9-17 Appointment Specialized Legal Service (Issuance of Bonds)  
**Parker McCay, P.A.**

Mr. Friedman: Mayor, I will be voting no on this one. The chosen professional is double the cost of the other qualified bidder.

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO  
AYES: 4  
NAYS: MR. FRIEDMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 10-17      Appointment of Prosecutor  
**Michael Greenblatt**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-17      Appointment of the Township Prosecutor as Prosecutor of  
Violations of the Township Zoning, Land Use and Building  
Codes, Ordinances and Regulations over which he has jurisdiction  
**Michael Greenblatt**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-17      Appointment of Public Defender  
**Maury Cutler**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-17      Appointment of Engineer Consultants for the Environmental  
Commission  
**Consulting & Municipal Engineers & Associates (CME)**

Mr. Friedman: Mr. Mayor, I will be voting no, this is the most expensive out of the four qualified bidders for this position.

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ  
SECONDED: MS. MS. NOCITO  
AYES: 4  
NAYS: MR. FRIEDMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 14-17      Appointment of Township Sewer Engineer  
**Churchill Engineers, Inc. (Ben Blair)**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-17      Appointment of Special COAH Attorney  
**Platt & Riso, P.C. (Stuart Platt)**

Mr. Friedman: Mr. Mayor, I will be voting no, the chosen professional is far more expensive than the other candidate, which is also a qualified bidder.

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ  
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO  
AYES: 4  
NAYS: MR. FRIEDMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 16-17      Appointment of Architect of Record  
**J.F. McKernan Jr. & Associates**

Mr. Friedman: Almost done, I am going to vote no on this. The other qualified bidder, Wayne Neville, is far cheaper and very good relevant experience and they're also open to flat fees.

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT  
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO  
AYES: 4  
NAYS: MR. FRIEDMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 17-17      Appointment of Conflict Attorney  
**Platt & Riso, P.C. (Stuart Platt)**

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ  
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO  
AYES: 4  
NAYS: MR. FRIEDMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 18-17      Appointment of Independent Registered Municipal Advisor  
**Phoenix Advisors, LLC**

Mr. Friedman: Mr. Mayor I am going to abstain, I do not know who these folks are, I haven't heard of them until tonight. So I'll just abstain.

Mr. Long: If I may address that Mayor I will be glad to explain. This was something that was brought to our attention by our CFO. Every year where we are required to report to our bond holders, make certain representations, in order to comply with our bond covenance. Mr. Ciminera brought this to my attention, Mr. Spellman's attention about a week, maybe two weeks ago. This is under not only the bid threshold but the pay to play threshold, it's a minimal amount that we are required to engage them under some new laws that require us to do some certain reporting obligations to our existing bond holders to comply with the laws and avoid significant fines.

Mr. Friedman: Understood, from my stand point I would have liked to have had a little bit of knowledge about who they were before I saw them today on the reorganization agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ  
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO  
AYES: 4  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTAIN: MR. FRIEDMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 19-17      Appointment of Class I, II & III members to the Voorhees  
Township Planning Board.

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| <b>CLASS I</b>   | <b>Township Mayor</b>  |
| <b>CLASS II</b>  | <b>Mario Di Natale</b> |
| <b>CLASS III</b> | <b>Jason Ravitz</b>    |

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-17      Appointment of Mayor's designee for the Voorhees Township Planning  
Board  
**Michelle Nocito**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-17      Appointment of Members to the Voorhees Township Planning Board  
**Kelly Jo Stroemel**  
**Stella Sytnik**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-17 Appointment of Members to the Voorhees Township Zoning Board

**John Daddario**  
**Hal Willard**  
**Len Patton (Alternate #1)**  
**Filling unexpired term of Habib Quaraishi**  
**Troy Brocco (Alternate #2)**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-17 Appointment of Members and Staff to the Voorhees Township Environmental Commission

**Cheryl Atkinson**  
**Subash Rashatwar, Planning Board Representative**  
**Ed Hale, Chairperson**  
**Doug Gaffney**  
**Kendra Cornwall, Secretary**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-17 Appointment of Members to the Voorhees Township Recreation Advisory Board

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-17 Appointment of Members to the Voorhees Township Cultural & Diversity Committee

**Zahida Rahman**  
**Sam Younes**  
**Stavros Antonakakis**  
**Brett Waters**  
**Vladimir Bogolyubov**  
**Michelle Nocito – Committee Liaison**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-17 Consent Agenda

- 27-17 Delinquent Taxes
- 28-17 2017 Cash Management Plan
- 29-17 Township Committee Meeting Dates for 2017
- 30-17 Order of Business for Township Committee Meetings
- 31-17 Designation of Courier Post and Philadelphia Inquirer as Official Newspapers
- 32-17 Official Holidays for 2017
- 33-17 Resolutions and Ordinances to be in Possession of Township Committee Twenty-Four (24) Hours Prior to Official Meeting
- 34-17 Appointment of **Dianna (Dee) Ober** as the Public Agency Compliance Officer

- 35-17 Appointment of **Lawrence Spellman** as Fund Commissioner to the Camden County Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL)
- 36-17 Appointment of **Lawrence Spellman** as Fund Commissioner and **Jason Ravitz** as the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF)
- 37-17 Appointment of Special Officers for 2017
- 38-17 Appointment of **Jason Ravitz** as Representative and **Dean Ciminera** as Alternate to the Camden County Community Development Advisory Board
- 39-17 Appointment of **Al Riley** as ADA Compliance Officer
- 40-17 Authorizing the Deputy Mayor to perform marriage ceremonies

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41-17 Adoption of 2017 State Contracts

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

RESOLUTION NO. 42-17 Authorizing Agreement for Extraordinary, Unspecified Services for Dental Insurance

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43-17 Authorizing Agreement for Extraordinary, Unspecified Services for Life Insurance

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

RESOLUTION NO. 44-17 Approval of the appointment of a Crisis Intervention Team

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

RESOLUTION NO. 45-17 Recognizing the CERT/RACES TEAM as an authorized service/volunteer organization of the Township of Voorhees

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

RESOLUTION NO. 46-17 Appointment of the Voorhees Township Safety Committee

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| <b>Stefanie Capone</b>  | <b>Lawrence Spellman</b>        |
| <b>Maria Pumphrey</b>   | <b>Joseph Lovallo, Chairman</b> |
| <b>William Donnelly</b> | <b>Verle Tyther, Secretary</b>  |
| <b>Debra DiMattia</b>   | <b>Tony Merulla</b>             |
| <b>Patty Beuerle</b>    |                                 |

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

RESOLUTION NO. 47-17      Authorization to enter into a contract for Employee Advisory Services  
**Joseph Marcucci**

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

**COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE**  
**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

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