

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2016
REGULAR MEETING 8:00 PM**

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Friedman, Mr. Ravitz, Ms. Nocito, Mayor Mignogna, Mr. Long, Township Solicitor, Mr. Spellman,
Township Administrator

ABSENT: Mr. Platt

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

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING CERTAIN EASEMENTS RELATIVE TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG SOMERDALE ROAD, BETWEEN BURNT MILL ROAD AND ECHELON ROAD, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK THEREON AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID EASEMENTS AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND/OR INCIDENTAL THERETO

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR.RAVITZ

SECONDED: MS. NOCITO

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. PLATT

SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 290-16

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 158 OF THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND THE VOORHEES TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "SCHEDULES"

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: MR. FRIEDMAN

SECONDED: MR. RAVITZ

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. PLATT

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. FRIEDMAN

SECONDED: MR. RAVITZ

ROLL CALL: FRIEDMAN – AYE

PLATT – ABSENT

MIGNOGNA - AYE

RAVITZ - AYE

NOCITO - AYE

SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 291-16

AN ORDINANCE TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES PURSUANT TO C.52:14-15F ET. SEQ.

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: MR. FRIEDMAN

SECONDED: MR. RAVITZ

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. PLATT

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

ROLL CALL: FRIEDMAN – AYE

PLATT – ABSENT

MIGNOGNA - AYE

RAVITZ – AYE

NOCITO - AYE

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY

MOTION TO CLOSE

THE PUBLIC PORTION: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MS. NOCITO

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 223-16

TAX COLLECTOR

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. PLATT

RESOLUTION NO. 224-16

TAX ASSESSOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 225-16

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN
APPEAL FROM THE DIRECTOR'S RATIOS
PROMULGATED ON OCTOBER 1, 2016

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

RESOLUTION NO. 226-16

2016 BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 227-16

APPROVING A BOND REDUCTION FOR
AQUATIC HOLDINGS, LLC, BLOCK 14; LOT 13

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

RESOLUTION NO. 228-16

RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTY FOR
SORUNI CUSTOM BUILDERS, LLC, BLOCK 213.04;
LOT 134

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

RESOLUTION NO. 229-16

APPROVING A LIEN FOR PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE TO BE PLACED ON BLOCK
218.15; LOT 20

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

RESOLUTION NO. 230-16

APPOINTING MARGARET LITTLE AND
VIOLET CORBIN AS SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 231-16

APPOINTING ATHOL RILEY AS BUILDING
SUBCODE OFFICIAL

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

RESOLUTION NO.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 24, 2016
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016
COURT REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016
BILLS POSTED FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2016

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ernie Leone
13 Devonshire Drive

Mr. Gann brought to the attention of Township Committee the issue of excessive noise. He stated that there was another event held on November 13th and although there was a lot of noise, it wasn't as bad as the previous event. He wants to know what can be done to solve this problem.

Mr. Long stated that we have received a number of police calls and other residents have come to Township Committee to voice their concerns. Our Planning Board had imposed certain conditions upon them and that potentially by congregating and making the noise in the manner that they have, based upon what our officers observed was a clear violation of those conditions. Their attorney has been contacted and advised that if it should continue the Planning Board would look to rescind their approvals. Mr. Long stated that he will follow up with the attorney to make him aware of the most recent complaints. He asked for comparison between this occasion and the last occasion and the resident said it was much better this time. He added that he is in the back of the development and can still hear the noise, and stated that it must be much worse for those who live closer to the facility.

Mayor Mignogna stated that he spoke with several representatives of the Temple, shared with them the concerns and emphasized the importance of being considerate of the neighbors. They assured him that they would be very careful about the noise. He thanked Mr. Leone for bringing this to the Township Committee's attention again and stated that we will monitor this situation very closely.

Bob Lancaster
12 Cambridge Way

He was there on behalf of himself and several other neighbors regarding noise and dust issues. A neighbor is considering having a representative from the EPA inspect an air quality test.

Mr. Long stated that silt fencing is required to be installed to help keep dirt and debris from flying off the site and the soil should be watered down regularly to keep dust to a minimum.

Doug Johnson stated that there have been meetings between Remington & Vernick and the applicant to discuss some of these issues and the applicant is working on corrective measures to ensure there isn't soil transfer from their site to neighboring sites.

Mr. Ravitz asked if the Zoning Board solicitor could send a letter to the County Soil Conservation office asking for the net fencing to be installed. Mr. Long will reach out to him, and added that the township has shut down the project until necessary safeguards are in place and that they are constructing in a manner that is appropriate with the approvals that were granted.

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: MR. FRIEDMAN
SECONDED: MS. NOCITO
AYES: ALL
NAYS: NONE

Mayor Mignogna announced two presentations to employees of Voorhees Township who recently went over and above the call of duty and therefore, deserve special recognition.

COMMENDATION FOR VOORHEES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

Mayor Mignogna and Committeewoman Nocito presented a commendation to members of the Voorhees Township Public Works Department for providing a table of non-food treats to be given to all children, especially those children with food allergies.

Committeewoman Nocito shared that her child and the child of Committeeman Ravitz and the nephew of Committeeman Friedman all suffer from severe food allergies, as well as 1 in 13 children across the country. She commended their efforts and acknowledged that they used funds collected by the employees of their department to make this happen. She also thanked them for the wonderful job they do on a daily basis to keep the township fields and parks clean and for the hard work they do in all facets of their jobs.

COMMENDATION FOR OFFICER MIKE PEREZ

Mayor Mignogna stated that on September 13, 2016, a 15 year old juvenile had his bicycle stolen from the Dunkin Donuts on Burnt Mill Road. Investigator Perez identified the perpetrator who was charged with the theft. Investigator Perez was so moved by the story of the young victim that he started a Go Fund Me page on his off time to raise enough money to buy this young man a new bicycle. Mayor Mignogna and Township Committee present Officer Perez with a commendation and thanked him for everything he did to help the young victim.

ADJOURNMENT