

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2016
REGULAR MEETING 8:00 PM**

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Friedman, Mr. Platt, Mr. Ravitz, Mayor Mignogna, Louis Bordi, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ciminera, Mr. Long

ABSENT: Ms. Nocito, Mr. Spellman

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

SECOND 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 CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: MR. PLATT

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. NOCITO

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

ROLL CALL: FRIEDMAN Y RAVITZ Y

PLATT Y Y

MIGNOGNA Y

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE VACATING, RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS TO A PORTION OF THE PAPER STREET KNOWN AS HADDON AVENUE CONTIGUOUS TO BLOCK 100, LOTS 26 AND 27 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. NOCITO

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NAMING A PORTION OF THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD AT THE VIRTUA HEALTH MEDICAL CAMPUS "SAMARITAN WAY", COMPRISED OF AN ACCESS ROAD AT THE VIRTUA MEDICAL HEALTH CAMPUS FROM ROUTE 73 TO HOWE BOULEVARD, VOORHEES TOWNSHIP, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. NOCITO

Mr. Long asked the Municipal Clerk to schedule the second reading of this ordinance on December 28, 2016, as requested by the operators of Samaritan Hospice.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY

MOTION TO CLOSE

THE PUBLIC PORTION: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. NOCITO

RESOLUTION NO. 232-16

TAX COLLECTOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 233-16

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 234-16

RELEASING A CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTY
FOR MICHAEL CUELLAR, DBA MIKE'S CAR
WASH BLOCK 276; LOT 4
(\$1,656.32)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 235-16

AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
CAMDEN AND VOORHEES TOWNSHIP FOR THE
PROVISION OF SNOW PLOWING AND ICE
CONTROL ON VARIOUS DESIGNATED COUNTY
ROADS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 236-16

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL
IN THE MATTER OF ECHELON TITLE, LLC C/O
STAR GROUP V. VOORHEES TOWNSHIP

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

RESOLUTION NO. 237-16

APPROVING THE HIRING OF CLEMENT
FUSCELLARO AS CLASS II OFFICER

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

RESOLUTION NO. 238-16

APPROVING THE HIRING OF STEVE KUSHNER
AS CLERK DRIVER IN THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MR. PLATT

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. NOCITO

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2016

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016

REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016

BILLS POSTED FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2016

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ

SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. NOCITO

ABSTAIN: MR. PLATT ABSTAINED FROM APPROVING THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2016.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

MR. LONG WAS ASKED TO READ INTO THE MINUTES THE FOLLOWIING:

FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT #3 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-9-2016

Fire Prevention Night and Yom Kippur

Whereas, Fire Prevention Night was unintentionally scheduled on Yom Kippur, and,

Whereas, the Board of Fire Commissioners for fire district no. 3 is desirous in expressing regret that some members of the community could not attend Fire Prevention Night and,

Now, therefore it is resolved by the Commissioners of Fire District no. 3, Township of Voorhees, County of Camden as follows:

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Voorhees Fire District, we want to extend our sincere apologies for a scheduling conflict that affected many members of our community earlier this month. this year's Fire Prevention Awareness Night, which took place on Wednesday, October 12th, was held on a major religious holiday and therefore precluded this event from truly being a community-wide program as is our intention.

Please know we are committed to not having this happen again and we are working with representatives from Voorhees Township Committee, Deputy Fire Chief Michael Wharton and religious leaders throughout the community to prevent these types of scheduling conflicts from occurring in the future.

For anyone who may have been affected by this conflict or was unable to attend for any reason and would still like to receive the materials and information that was disseminated, copies will be available at the fire district headquarters at 423 Cooper Road, Voorhees, NJ.

Signed by Thomas Hanney

Motion made by Commissioner Barbara Silary

Seconded by Commissioner Vaughn Vandegrift

Roll call vote as follows: Hanney - Aye, Slack - Nay, Silary - Aye, Aducat – Abstain, Vandegrift – Aye

Committeeman Ravitz commended Chairman Hanney for following up with the Jewish Community Relations Council and passing this resoluition for the community and making sure this doesn't happen again. It sets a good example and everyone can move on from here. He publicly thanked Chairman Hanney for his efforts and also Commissioners Silary and Vandegrift for carrying the vote along with the chairman. He added that he doesn't understand why Commissioner Slack voted no and Commissioner Aducat abstained, which is essentially a no vote. It is exactly the reason we had to have this conversation in the first place. Feels

it displays ignorance and feels that if Township Committee showed the same type of ignorance, they would be asked to resign. In his opinion, Mr. Slack and Mr. Aducat are not fit to lead the commission purely on their position on this important social issue in this community and are not representative of what the community stands for or the community itself and should relieve themselves from their duties.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: MR. PLATT

SECONDED: MR. RAVITZ

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

PRESENTATION TO VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF SILVER AWARD FROM SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY

Mayor Mignogna announced that Voorhees Township and Sustainable Voorhees earned the Silver designation from Sustainable New Jersey and was presented with a plaque at the recent New Jersey League of Municipalities annual convention in Atlantic City. Mr. Ed Hale, Chairman of the Voorhees Environmental Commission received the plaque and is presenting it to Township Committee.

Mr. Ed Hale

Mr. Hale stated that Sustainable Voorhees was certified Silver in October by Sustainable New Jersey. They achieved this by completing 41 of the 157 actions. He explained how we earned our 381 points. There are only 40 Silver Level communities out of 565 municipalities in New Jersey and we are among the top 7% of environmentally conscience and sustainable communities and it's quite an honor to achieve that. He added that working with Township Committee to pass more than 30 ordinances and resolutions in the last three years has helped the organization earn the designation.

He stated that on behalf of the "Green Team" and the Voorhees Environmental Commission, Mr. Hale presented the plaque to Township Committee for 2016 – 2019.

Committeeman Ravitz stated that he was at the League conference and received numerous congratulations for other attendees.

Mayor Mignogna added that he was privileged to receive the award. He continued to name the members of the committee and thanked them for their hard work.

Mr. Hale thanked Township Committee for their understanding continued support.

ADJOURNMENT

