**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 30, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING 9:30 AM**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**PRESENT**

Committeewoman Fetbroyt

Committeeman Platt

Deputy Mayor Ravitz

Deputy Mayor Nocito

Mayor Mignogna

**ALSO PRESENT**

Stephen Steglik, Township Administrator; Christopher Long, Township Solicitor

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

Mr. Long stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” and has been published as required in the Courier Post and the Inquirer Newspapers, is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Clerk’s office and is posted on the Township website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY**

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: AYES:

SECONDED: NAYS

RESOLUTION NO. 303-24 MEMORIALIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 304-24 AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2024

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2024

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 30, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE: AYES:

SECONDED: NAYS:

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

AND ADJOURN: AYES:

SECONDED: NAYS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 303-24**

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM DECEMBER 9, 2024**

 **WHEREAS,** the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Township of Voorhees to be held in public, except as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) which provides for nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in “Executive Session,” i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Township of Voorhees has determined that certain issues set forth below are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance were discussed during an Executive Session held on December 9, 2024, at approximately 6:30 p.m.; and

 **WHEREAS**, the nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and the items to be privately discussed that fall within such exceptions shall be identified and written, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception as follows:

“(1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law, State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion.” The legal citation to the provision(s) at issue is, and the nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

“(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

“(3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

“(4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body” The collective bargaining contract(s) discussed are between the public body and the:

“(5) Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

“(6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

“(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.” The parties to and docket numbers of each item of litigation and/or the parties to each contract discussed: Street lighting reimbursement: Voorhees Town Center

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(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or discipline of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.” The employee(s) and/or title(s) and nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality are:

“(9) Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Voorhees entered into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons at their regular meeting caucus of December 9, 2024.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) will be made public at a time when the need for confidentiality no longer exists, or the public’s interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk/Township Solicitor shall read aloud enough of this resolution so that members of the public in attendance can understand, as precisely as possible, the nature of the matters that were privately discussed.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk, on the next business day following this meeting, shall furnish a copy of this resolution to any member of the public who requests one at the fees allowed by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

DATED: DECEMBER 30, 2024 MOTION:

AYES: SECONDED:

NAYS: APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Michael Mignogna, Mayor

I, Dee Ober, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Voorhees, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees at their meeting of December 30, 2024, held in the Municipal Building, 2400 Voorhees Town Center, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

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 Dee Ober, RMC

 Township Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 304-24**

**AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Voorhees and Carmen DelPalazzo desire to resolve any and all pending outstanding issues pending as set forth in the Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s CFO, Solicitor, and Chief of Police have reviewed the matter and relevant background and have determined that it is in the best interest of the Township of Voorhees to resolve any and all disputes.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees as follows:

1. The provisions of the **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
2. The Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees hereby formally authorizes the Mayor, Clerk and/or CFO or their respective assignees, to execute any and all documents in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and the attached Agreement.

DATED: DECEMBER 30, 2024 MOTION:

AYES: SECONDED:

NAYS: APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Dee Ober, RMC

 Township Clerk

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**PRESENT**

Committeewoman Fetbroyt - Present

Committeeman Platt - Present

Deputy Mayor Ravitz - Present

Deputy Mayor Nocito - Present

Mayor Mignogna - Present

**ALSO PRESENT**

Stephen Steglik, Township Administrator; Christopher Long, Township Solicitor

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

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**FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE**

AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

**ADOPTION OF THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET**

**Requires majority vote of the full membership of Township Committee**

Previously tabled at the meeting of September 23, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 233-24 AUTHORIZING THE 2024 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $82,591.00 TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. RAVITZ AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MS. NOCITO NAYS: NONE

**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Previously tabled at the meeting of September 23, 2024

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC HEARING: MRS. FETBROYT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MS. NOCITO NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 234-24 ADOPTION OF THE 2024 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $82,591.00

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

ROLL CALL: MRS. FETBROYT - Y MR. PLATT - Y

 MR. RAVITZ - Y MS. NOCITO - Y

 MAYOR MIGNOGNA - Y

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR RESOLUTIONS ONLY**

MOTION TO CLOSE

PUBLIC PORTION: MRS. FETBROYT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MR. PLATT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 284-24 MEMORIALIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 11, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: 4

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: MS. NOCITO

RESOLUTION NO. 285-24 AMENDING RECORDS OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 286-24 AMENDING RECORDS OF THE TAX ASSESSOR

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 287-24 AUTHORIZING CURRENT YEAR BUDGET TRANSFERS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 288-24 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET ($171,437.00)

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 289-24 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET ($1,000.00)

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 290-24 APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 291-24 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS THROUGH THE PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSION PURCHASING COOPERATIVE THROUGH REINER PUMP SYSTEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 292-24 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE GENERATOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES BID TO GENSERVE

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: 4

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: MR. RAVITZ

RESOLUTION NO. 293-24 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES TO UTILIZE THE CONTRACT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND SCHOOL FLASHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRIC SERVICE WITH AN OPTION FOR MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION UNDER THE CHERRY HILL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM IDENTIFIER #37-CHCPS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 294-24 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE EAW SECURITY CYBERLOCKS CONTRACT TO EAW SECURITY

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 295-24 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE LEAF DISPOSAL FACILITY SERVICES BID TO WESTERBY FARMS

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 296-24 REJECTING ALL RESPONSES RECEIVED FOR THE VEGETATION WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY SERVICES BID TO ACCEPT VOORHEES TOWNSHIP VEGETATION WASTE AN REBID THE CONTRACT N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(D)

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 297-24 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION – PHASE II, BLOCK 207; LOT 11

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 298-24 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR PATRICK AND DAVID DECKER, BLOCK 228; LOT 7

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 299-24 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR SWEET EATS BAKERY, BLOCK 26; LOTS 2 & 3

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 300-24 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR FIRST NATIONAL REALTY PARTNERS, BLOCK 160; LOT 1

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 301-24 AUTHORIZING THE RATIFICATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES AND VOORHEES TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCIATION

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 302-24 RECOGNIZING THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

Deputy Mayor Ravitz thanked Stuart Platt, who has been leading the charge in South Jersey who has been fighting to have these resolutions passed in different towns and Senator Beach who has been working to get this resolution passed in Trenton, but due to some threats, this has not been passed in Trenton. He thanked Township Committee for passing this resolution.

Committeeman Platt thanked members of the JCRC board and Stuart Platt for getting this passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MR. RAVITZ NAYS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE: MRS. FETBROYT AYES: 4

SECONDED: MR. PLATT NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: MS. NOCITO

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE: MRS. FETBROYT AYES: 4

SECONDED: MR. PLATT NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: MS. NOCITO

REGISTRAR’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024

TREASURER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2024

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 9, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE: MRS. FETBROYT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MR. PLATT NAYS: NONE

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

Mayor Mignogna thanked our fire department, police department, art commission, diversity committee and other volunteers for a successful parade and tree lighting ceremony. He wished the Voorhees residents Happy and Healthy Christmas and a Happy Hannukah.

Committeeman Platt wished all a Happy New Year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sabrina Specter, Executive Director JCRC

Thanked Township Committee on behalf of the Jewish Community for passing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Antisemitism resolution and added that it means a great deal to the community to know that the Township supports their efforts to end antisemitism.

Michael Friedman

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Thanked Township Committee for passing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Antisemitism resolution and said that there is a resurgence of violence against Jewish people. He added that it is good to live in a town where we have such Stallworth and unwavering support.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

AND ADJOURN: MR. PLATT AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MRS. FETBROYT NAYS: NONE

















