

**New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission**  
**NON-POLICE AND FIRE**  
**COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT SUMMARY FORM**

Line #

**SECTION I: Parties and Term of Contracts**

1	Public Employer: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Voorhees Township"/>	County: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Camden"/>
2	Employee Organization: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Public Works Association"/>	Number of Employees in Unit: <input style="width: 15%; text-align: center;" type="text" value="33"/>
3	Base Year Contract Term: <input style="width: 15%; text-align: center;" type="text" value="4 Years"/>	New Contract Term: <input style="width: 15%; text-align: center;" type="text" value="4 Years"/>

**SECTION II: Type of Contract Settlement (please check only one)**

4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract settled without neutral assistance
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract settled with assistance of mediator
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract settled with assistance of fact-finder
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract settled with assistance of super-conciliator
8	If contract was settled in fact-finding, did the fact-finder issue a report with recommendations?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**SECTION III: Salary Base**

The salary base is the cost of salaries in the final year of the expired or expiring agreement. This is the base cost from which the parties negotiate the salary increases.

9	Salary Costs in Base Year	\$ <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="2,443,194.52"/>
10	Longevity Costs in Base Year	\$ <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
11	Total Salary Base	\$ <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="2,443,194.52"/>

**SECTION IV: Salary Increases for Each Year of New Agreement\***

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
12	Effective Date (month/day/year)	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="1/1/2024"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="1/1/2025"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="1/1/2026"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="1/1/2027"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
13	Cost of Salary Increments (\$)	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="18,984.68"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="97,697.60"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="101,961.60"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="105,892.80"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
14	Salary Increase Above Increments (\$)	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
15	Longevity Increase (\$)	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
16	Total \$ Increase (sum of lines 13-15)	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="18,984.68"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="97,697.60"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="101,961.60"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="105,892.80"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
17	New Salary Base (\$)	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="2,462,179.20"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="2,559,876.80"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="2,661,838.40"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="2,767,731.20"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
18	Percentage increase over prior year	<input style="width: 15%; text-align: center;" type="text" value="3"/> %	<input style="width: 15%; text-align: center;" type="text" value="3"/> %	<input style="width: 15%; text-align: center;" type="text" value="3"/> %	<input style="width: 15%; text-align: center;" type="text" value="3"/> %	<input style="width: 15%; text-align: center;" type="text"/>

*\*If contract duration is longer than five years, please add an additional page.*

**SECTION V: Increases in Other Contractual Economic Items or Newly Added Economic Items\***

19	Item Description	Base Year Cost (\$)	Year 1 Increase (\$)	Year 2 Increase (\$)	Year 3 Increase (\$)	Year 4 Increase (\$)	Year 5 Increase (\$)
	NA						
20	Totals(\$):						

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**SECTION VI: Medical Costs**

	Base Year	Year 1
21 Health Plan Cost	\$ 824,973.72	\$ 784,105.80
22 Prescription Plan Cost	\$ NA - Not Broken Out	\$ 132,027.48
23 Dental Plan Cost	\$	\$
24 Vision Plan Cost	\$	\$
25 Total Cost of Insurance	\$ 824,973.72	\$ 916,133.28
26 Employee Insurance Contributions	\$ 204,471.81	\$ 233,048.40
27 Employee Contributions as % of Total Insurance Cost	24.79 %	25.44 %

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**Section VI: Medical Costs (continued)**

**28** Identify any insurance changes that were included in this CNA.  
Direct 10 and Direct 15, and their equivalents, are no longer available to new hires beginning 1/1/2025. Direct 10, and its equivalents, are no longer available to any employee effective 1/1/2025.  
In addition to 25 years of service with a pension system in the state of NJ, in order to be eligible for Township provided medical insurance in retirement an employee retiring will have to have worked in the Township for at least 10 years of the 25.

**SECTION VII: Certification and Signature**

**29** The undersigned certifies that the foregoing figures are true:

Print Name:	<u>Alexander Davidson</u>
Position/Title:	<u>CFO</u>
Signature:	
Date:	<u>10/11/2024</u>

Send this completed and signed form along with an electronic copy of the contract and the signed certification form to: [contracts@perc.state.nj.us](mailto:contracts@perc.state.nj.us)

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**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES**

**AND**

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION**

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027**

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THIS AGREEMENT entered into by the **TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES**, located in Camden County, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the “**Township**”) and the **VOORHEES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION** (hereinafter referred to as the “**Association**”), has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Township and the Association; the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment.

**Article I**

**TERM**

The term of this agreement shall be January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

**Article II**

**RECOGNITION**

The Township recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive representative, for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment, for all personnel under the contract listed in the classifications herein, and for such additional classifications as the parties may later agree to. This recognition, however, shall not be interpreted as having the effect of, or in any way abrogating, the rights of employees as established by the provisions of Title 34 of New Jersey governing negotiations and the parties hereto desiring to reduce their understanding to written form.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements by the parties hereto, it is mutually agreed as follows:

## Article III

### ASSOCIATION AND MEMBER RIGHTS

To ensure that the individual rights of employees in the bargaining unit are not violated, the following shall represent the Employees "Bill of Rights":

- A. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any employee such rights as he/she may have under New Jersey laws or other applicable laws and regulations. The rights granted to employees hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.
- B. An employee shall be entitled to Association representation at each and every step of the grievance procedure set forth in this agreement.
- C. An employee shall be entitled to Association representation at each step of a disciplinary hearing.
- D. No employee shall be required by the Township and/or its agents to submit to an interrogation, which one might reasonably believe, could lead or result in disciplinary measures, unless the employee is afforded the opportunity of representation by the Association.
- E. No recording devices or stenographer of any kind shall be used during any meeting unless both the Association and Township agree to his/her/its use prior to such meeting in writing.



- F. An employee shall not be coerced or intimidated or suffer any reprisals either directly or indirectly that may adversely affect his/her hours of work, wages or working conditions as the result of exercising his/her rights under this agreement.
- G. The Employer shall not discharge, discipline or suspend any employee without just cause. Any such action by the Employer shall be subjected to the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement. The extent of the disciplinary action may include warnings (oral and written), suspensions (with or without pay), demotions and discharge.
- H. Except as modified by this Agreement all rights, privileges and benefits existing prior to this Agreement shall continue to be applicable during the term of the Agreement.
- I. Whenever any member is required to appear before the Township Administrator or his/her designee, or Township Committee concerning any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of that employee in his/her position, employment, or the salary or any increments pertaining to salary, then he/she shall be afforded the opportunity to have a representative of the Association present to advise him/her. The member must request to have representation present.
- J. The President of the Association may meet the Township Administrator to discuss matters of common interest and employee relations. These executive meetings shall be mutually set and agenda exchanged.

## **Article IV**

### **AGENCY SHOP**

The representative fee shall be an amount equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the designated Association membership dues, fees and assessments as certified to the Township by the Association. The Association may revise its certification of the amount of the representation fee at any time to reflect changes in the regular Association membership dues, fees and assessments.

The Township Public Works Employees Association shall indemnify and hold the employer harmless against and all claims, demands, suits and other forms of liability that may arise out of, by reason of, any action taken by the employer in conformance with this provision. This indemnification shall include reasonable counsel fees incurred by the Township.

The Association shall establish and maintain a demand and return system which shall establish and provide a prop rate return system as outline under 13 A-5, 6 of the Act. The Association shall intervene in and defend any administrative or court litigation concerning this provision and hold the Township harmless.

## **Article V**

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

The Township shall provide a bulletin board to be mounted in each Department of Public Works' location for the posting of notices relating to matters and official business for the Association. Only material that has been approved by the Association shall be posted on this board.

All notification pertaining to the application of benefits or this agreement as seniority and vacation schedules shall be posted on a bulletin board.

The Association shall be entitled to utilize Township buildings, when available, to hold general membership meetings or Association business.

The rights and privileges of the Association and its representatives as set forth in this Agreement shall only be granted to the Association as the exclusive organization representing any portion of the unit.

## **Article VI**

### **SAFETY AND HEALTH**

The Township shall at all times maintain safe and healthful working conditions and will provide employees with any wearing apparel, tools or devices that may be reasonably necessary to insure their safety and health. Employees provided with safety apparel will be obligated to utilize same. Employees failing to wear appropriate safety apparel after one verbal warning will be dismissed without pay for the remainder of the day.

Any hazardous conditions that are reported will be investigated and corrected by the Township within a reasonable amount of time.

The Association shall have a member appointed to the Township Safety Committee. The Township Safety Committee shall meet as scheduled by the Safety Committee Chairman at a mutually agreeable time and place to discuss issues regarding employee safety. The Township Safety Committee may discuss and review accidents, actual or potential hazards, and job procedures to encourage workplace safety. The Township Safety Committee may submit

proposals at any time to the Township Administrator. Emergency and/or hazardous situations can be submitted verbally or in writing and will receive immediate attention.

## **Article VII**

### **ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

The Township and Association agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations of the Drug Free Workplace Act (41 USC section 702 et. seq.) of 1988 and the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations (49 CFR part 40) requiring the Township to maintain a drug and alcohol free workplace and to conduct alcohol and drug testing in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. The Association agrees to be bound by the Township's Drug and Alcohol Policy contained in the Employee Handbook at the time of the signing of this contract. Any changes to the policy must be negotiated with the Association unless those changes are mandated by State or Federal Law.

## **Article VIII**

### **HOURS AND AUTHORIZED BREAKS**

Workweek – The standard Association workweek shall consist of forty (40) paid hours. The standard workweek shall be Monday through Friday.

Each employee shall be granted adequate time at the end of the day as part of his/her normal hours for cleanup, when needed.

## Article IX

### OVERTIME PAYMENT

Overtime will be paid at one and one-half times the regular base rate.

All employees will be paid overtime whenever an employee works in excess of his/her regularly scheduled workday or in excess of forty (40) hours per week. The Township will follow FLSA rules for overtime payments.

All employees will be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours overtime when required to work less than two (2) hours overtime not adjunct to regular working hours. Thereafter, employees will be paid the appropriate overtime rate on an hour-for-hour basis. Employees will be guaranteed four (4) hours if called between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Employees will be paid at double time on holidays and when required to work on Sundays when called in for an emergency situation (e.g. snow, wind, sewer) or for any time worked in excess of sixteen (16) consecutive hours. In the event an employee who is covered by this Agreement works sixteen (16) or more consecutive hours, the employee shall not be required to work again for eight (8) hours.

Insofar as practical, overtime shall be offered as equally as possible among full-time employees within the same classification and department. An overtime list by seniority will be established and employees will be given the opportunity to work such overtime, provided the employee has the skill and ability to do the job. Overtime work shall be on a voluntary basis first. In the event that an employee cannot work, his/her name shall be put on the bottom of rotation for

one complete rotation schedule. Overtime hours shall be posted monthly in order to achieve a balanced distribution among all employees.

Members of the unit shall be utilized first during emergencies or critical incidents which impact public safety such as snow plowing. Supervisors will not be assigned a snow plow assignment. They are expected to address critical areas when patrolling during an emergency or critical incident which impacts public safety. It is understood that all employees utilized are fully qualified and trained to operate the necessary equipment in question.

When a "state of emergency" is called by the Governor or an emergency is declared by the Mayor, all employees who are able must report to work if called in.

Overtime shall be paid currently or at least no later than the second pay period after the overtime was performed. No employee shall have his/her work shift, work day or workweek changed for the purpose of avoiding overtime.

## **Article X**

### **ON CALL PAY**

The Township has the right to establish a stand-by duty system. Employees assigned to stand-by duty shall be compensated per the following:

\$20 per day Monday through Friday - \$25 for Saturday and \$35 for Sunday

If an employee who is assigned to stand-by-time is called in, then and in that event, the employee will receive overtime compensation as previously set forth in addition to the on-call pay.

Each employee assigned to stand-by-time agrees to stay within one (1) hour reporting time to the Township.

## **Article XI**

### **COMPENSATORY TIME**

The Township agrees to offer compensatory time in exchange for paid overtime. Employees asked to work overtime may substitute compensatory time for paid overtime. Compensatory time will be exchanged in direct proportion to the overtime rate for which they are working. For example, one (1) hour of overtime worked exchanged for compensatory time would equal one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes of compensatory time; one (1) hour of double-time worked exchanged for compensatory time would equal two (2) hours of compensatory time.

A maximum of 120 hours of compensatory time may be carried. Compensatory time shall not exceed the limit of one hundred- twenty 120 hours as defined under FLSA. Effective with the signing date of this contract, employees currently carrying a balance exceeding 120 compensatory hours may only be paid overtime until such balance is below 120 hours. Employees that reach 120 compensatory hours will automatically be paid for work in excess of those hours.

## **Article XII**

### **VACATION**

1. Employees covered by this Agreement shall be granted the following vacation leave:
  - A. An employee during his/her first year of employment shall be intitled to prorated vacation time and shall earn and be able to use one (1) workday of vacation for each month of service from the date of hire through December 31 of the initial year and will count as his/her first year of service. Thereafter, he/she shall be entitled to a paid vacation according to the following schedule.

On January 1st starting their second (2nd) calendar year of service.....12 workdays.

On January 1st starting their fifth (5th) calendar year of service.....15 workdays.

On January 1st starting their tenth (10th) calendar year of service.....17 workdays.

On January 1st starting their fifteenth (15) calendar year of service.....20 workdays.

On January 1st starting their twentieth (20th) calendar year of service and every year thereafter .....21 workdays.

Any employee who terminates his/her employment with the Township shall be entitled to vacation pay on a prorated monthly basis. If an employee has taken more than his/her prorated entitlement, the Township shall deduct the value of the time taken from the employee's final pay.

B. Seniority shall be the basis for scheduling vacation. Vacation scheduling shall begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>, of the preceding year and shall end on January 31<sup>st</sup> of the scheduled year. Seniority will be determined by department and seniority will be maintained when departmental transfers take place within the bargaining unit. The most senior personnel are entitled to schedule up to ½ of his/her allocated vacation but may not include more than one holiday within that schedule. After each employee has had the opportunity to schedule ½ of his/her vacation, the process will resume until all employees have had the opportunity to schedule all of his/her vacation. Employees choosing not to schedule all of their days may request time after January 31<sup>st</sup> and will be granted time in the order that it was requested. Requests for periods of consecutive time in excess of the initial allocation shall be



in writing. The supervisor shall make a decision, which is appealable to the administrator.

C. Staffing is at the discretion of management and vacation time and personal days will be granted based upon the staffing needs of the Township. No more than five (5) vacation days may be carried into the next calendar year without approval by the Administrator.

D. Up to forty (40) hours of vacation time will be allowed to be sold back to the Township at the end of each calendar year.

### **Article XIII**

#### **HOLIDAYS**

Employees will be entitled to fifteen (15) holidays annually. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, holidays celebrated will be:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Dr. Martin Luther King Day	Veterans Day
Presidents Day	Thanksgiving Day
Easter Monday	Day after Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Christmas
Juneteenth	Personal Day
Fourth of July	Personal Day
Labor Day	

Holidays which fall on Saturday or Sunday will be celebrated on the following Monday.

In the event that an official holiday is observed during an employee's vacation or sick leave, he/she shall not have that holiday charged against his/her vacation or sick leave. Holidays will not accrue during periods of unpaid leaves of absence or suspensions.

Unused Personal Days will be forfeited as of December 31 each year.

**Article XIV**

**RETIREMENT**

Employees shall retain all pension rights available to them under the applicable laws of the State of New Jersey and the Ordinances of the Township of Voorhees.

Employees who retire prior to January 1, 2025, after twenty-five (25) years in the pension system shall continue to be enrolled with the Township's health plan in accordance with the practice of the Township and existing Ordinances and any subsequent Ordinance addressing retiree health benefits. Employees who retire on or after to January 1, 2025, after twenty-five (25) years in the pension system, with a minimum of ten (10) years of service to the Township of Voorhees shall continue to be enrolled with the Township's health plan in accordance with the practice of the Township and existing Ordinances and any subsequent Ordinance addressing retiree health benefits.

**Article XV**

**SALARIES**

Salaries are set forth in Schedule A.

Employees working out of title for more than three (3) hours during a shift shall be compensated at the rate of the second title as long as that rate is higher. The employee shall be paid the higher rate for all time worked in the second title as long as it exceeds three (3) hours.

Employees holding a CDL Class A license will receive seventy five (75) cents per hour as additional salary.

Employees holding a Tanker Endorsement will receive fifty (50) cents per hour as additional salary.

Salaries shall be in effect for all members of the unit as set forth in the attached schedule A. New employees will be placed into a step depending upon experience and credentials. The Township will have the absolute decision into which step a new employee will be placed. Employees will move to the next higher step in each succeeding year.

## **Article XVI**

### **LONGEVITY**

All hires after June 23, 1993 are not eligible for longevity pay. All employees hired prior to June 23, 1993 and are part of the negotiated unit for Voorhees Township Public Works Employee Association will continue to be paid longevity payments as per the scheduled longevity enumerated hereafter.

There shall be paid to the employees covered by **Article XV of this** Contract, a longevity payment based upon the following:

- A. Completion of twenty (20) years of services and over:

2½% of base salary.

## **Article XVII**

### **LIFE INSURANCE**

All permanent employees included in this Contract, within one (1) year of service, shall be provided with a Fifteen Thousand Dollar (\$15,000.00) life insurance policy that will provide coverage both pre- and post-retirement.

## **Article XVIII**

### **ACCRUAL OF TIME**

Vacation, sick time, holidays and personal days will not accrue during periods of or non-work related disabilities that exceed sixty (60) consecutive calendar days.

## **Article XIX**

### **HEALTH BENEFITS**

The Township will continue during the term of this contract to provide health and prescription benefits pursuant to the terms of the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan as well as dental. Effective January 1, 2025, New Jersey Direct 10, Aetna Freedom 10 and/or their equivalent are no longer to be offered for any employee under this Agreement. For any employee hired on or after January 1, 2025, New Jersey Direct 15, Aetna Freedom 15 and/or their equivalent are no longer to be offered under this Agreement.

The practice of reimbursing current employees for prescriptions over and above the State Health Benefits Plan will be discontinued. Health care contribution payments will be subject to

state law, specifically, Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, and be paid in accordance with the Health Benefits Contribution Schedule established pursuant to said law. After the full implementation of the Health Benefit Contribution, the level of contribution shall remain at the fourth year level (100% of the required contribution) during the term of this Agreement. Thereafter, in any successor contract, the contribution structure shall be negotiable, starting from the point of full implementation as required by law.

## **Article XX**

### **SICK TIME**

1. Sick leave means the absence from duty because of personal illness by reason of which such member is unable to perform the usual duties of the position because of exposure to contagious or other illness. Sick leave may also be used for a reasonable amount of time in an emergency situation where a member of the immediate family (as described in the Employee Handbook) has an illness requiring the employee to remain at home to care for the same or care for the household. Any employee unable to work because of illness must personally call in (unless physically unable to do so) and notify a supervisor within fifteen (15) minutes of starting time.

2. Each employee during the first calendar year of employment is entitled to one (1) working day of sick leave for each month of service. After one (1) year employees shall be entitled to fifteen (15) days sick leave per year.

3. Any amount of sick leave allowance not used in any calendar year shall accumulate to the employee's credit from year to year to be used, if and when needed, for such purpose.

4. The Township reserves the right to require acceptable medical evidence substantiating the illness.

5. Any employee who terminates his/her employment with the Township or whose employment is terminated by the Township shall be entitled to sick time on a prorated basis for the specific calendar year in which termination occurs. If an employee has taken more than prorated entitlement, the Township shall deduct the value of the time taken from the employee's final pay. The employee will not be paid for unused sick time upon termination, whether from the current year or past years, except as set forth herein for retirees.

6. An employee shall, upon retirement, be reimbursed by the Township in a cash payment for sick leave, which was accrued after January 1, 1978. This reimbursement shall be at the rate of 25% of the employee's highest daily base salary at the time of retirement. For employees who began their employment before January 1, 1978, any sick time taken from January 1, 1978 until retirement shall be assessed to those days accrued prior to January 1, 1978. Payment for sick time is also subject to any limitations or restrictions as dictated by subsequent changes in State law or mandates.

7. Sick time will not accrue during periods of unpaid leaves of absence or suspensions.

## **Article XXI**

### **UNIFORMS**

All employees provided with uniforms shall receive a Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250.00) maintenance allowance each year during the duration of this Contract. An employee's complement of uniform shall consist of the following:

- A. One (1) Winter Coat with Hood.
- B. One (1) Spring Coat with Liner
- C. One (1) Pair of Coveralls
- D. Five (5) Pairs of Pants (shorts may be substituted)
- E. Five (5) Summer Shirts
- F. One (1) Set of Rain Gear
- G. Two (2) Pairs of Work Boots
- H. Thermal equipment (including sweatshirts)
- II. Hats (2)
- J. Mechanics Coveralls (2) (Mechanics Only)

Employees are permitted to substitute items within this list, provided they obtain the Township's prior approval.

The Township will replace uniforms on an "as needed" basis. Worn and/or damaged clothing must be turned into the department head prior to the issuance of a replacement item.

Employees are required to report to work in uniform. Employees reporting to work out of uniform will not be permitted to work and will not be paid for the day. Employees are not permitted to wear the uniform displaying the Township name or logo except during working hours and during travel to and from work.

## **Article XXII**

## **BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

The Township shall grant three (3) consecutive days with pay for death in the immediate family (as described in the Employee Handbook and grandparent-in-law) provided that the employee uses this time to participate in the family activities associated with the death. This leave shall not be charged against any other leave and shall not accumulate from year to year. Any additional days shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Administrator.

## **Article XXIII**

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A leave of absence without pay may be requested by any employee who shall submit in writing all facts bearing on the request to his/her department head and the Administrator. Each case will be considered on its merit and without establishing precedent.

## **Article XXIV**

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

The term "grievance" as used herein means any dispute arising over the interpretation, application or alleged violation of then-current policies, agreements and administrative decisions effecting the terms and conditions of employment and shall be raised by an individual or group of individuals or the Township.

- A. The purpose of this procedure is to secure at the lowest possible level, an equitable solution of the problems which may arise effecting the terms and conditions of this Agreement.



- B. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the rights of the employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the department staff.
- C. Nothing herein shall be deemed to deny the employee of his/her statutory or other legal rights concerning discipline. Nothing herein shall be deemed to deny the employee of his/her rights to pursue any other statutory or legal remedies in lieu of resorting to the grievance procedures.
- D. Steps of the Grievance Procedures:

Step 1: An aggrieved employee, directly or through his/her shop steward, shall institute action under the provisions herein within twenty (20 ) calendar days of the occurrence of the grievance, and an earnest effort shall be made to settle the dispute between the aggrieved employee, the shop steward and the immediate supervisor, for the purpose of resolving the matter informally. Failure to act within twenty (20) calendar days shall be deemed to constitute an abandonment of the grievance. If a resolution of the grievance has not been reached within five (5) work days of the informal discussion, the grievance may proceed to Step 2.

Step 2:

- a) In the event a satisfactory settlement has not been reached in Step 1, the aggrieved employee and/or shop steward may within five (5) working days of the supervisor's decision, file a written grievance with the Administrator.

b) The Administrator shall review the matter and make a determination within ten (10) working days from receipt of the grievance.

c) In the event a satisfactory settlement has not been reached on Step 2, the aggrieved employee and/or the shop steward may within five (5) working days of the Administrator's decision, file a Notice of Appeal of that decision with the Township Committee.

d) The Township Committee shall review the matter and make a written determination within thirty (30) working days from receipt of the grievance. The Committee shall have the right to hold a hearing and obtain evidence relevant to the grievance before it makes a decision. All parties will be given the right to be represented by counsel or representative in any hearing.

Step 3: In the event a satisfactory settlement has not been reached in Step 2, the aggrieved employee and/or shop steward may within five (5) working days of the date of the Township Committee's notice of decision, file a written grievance with the Association and request the Association to move the matter to arbitration. The Association, if it determines the grievance is meritorious, shall move the grievance to arbitration through the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC). The Commission upon receipt of the grievance shall bind both parties to its rules and regulations on the selection of an arbitrator to hear this matter.

Step 4: The selected arbitrator shall convene both parties in this matter to hear the effected grievance. The arbitrator shall be bound by the terms of the Agreement and to the application of facts presented to him/her at the grievance

hearing. The decision of the arbitrator shall be issued within thirty (30) days of the close of the hearing. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties.

Step 5: Miscellaneous

It shall be understood by the parties that either party's non-response at any level shall be deemed a failure to respond and the matter shall move to the next respective level of the procedure.

Any extension of the limits or the time frames on all grievances must be in writing and agreed to by both parties.

**Article XXV**

**JURY DUTY**

Those employees called to serve on a jury are expected to fulfill their civic obligation, and the Township encourages each employee to assume their duty when so called.

1. The Employee will receive regular wages while actually serving as a juror.
2. The Employee must submit evidence of attendance for the days served as a juror.

3. An Employee summoned to appear as a witness of behalf of the Township shall receive pay for time away from work.

4. An Employee who serves as a witness for a personal matter must utilize vacation, personal time, or with the permission of the Administrator, time off without pay.

#### **Article XXVI**

#### **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.

#### **Article XXVII**

#### **PAYDAYS**

The Township shall have the right to establish paydays provided there will be no less than two (2) paydays per month.

#### **Article XXVIII**

#### **ASSOCIATION BUSINESS**

Whenever any employee of the Township who is a representative of the Association is mutually scheduled to participate during working hours in negotiations, grievance proceeding, conferences or meetings, he/she shall suffer no loss in regular pay or be charged for sick leave or vacation leave.

DATED: October 3, 2024

TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES

Michelle M. Mergosa

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ASSOC.

Edward D. McHugh

ATTESTED BY:

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ATTESTED BY:

My A. [Signature]

**PUBLIC WORKS SALARIE**

**Laborer**

	<u>2024</u> 3.00%	<u>2025</u> 3.00%	<u>2026</u> 3.00%	<u>2027</u> 3.00%
Step 1	\$ 19.02	\$ 19.59	\$ 20.18	\$ 20.79
Step 2	\$ 20.02	\$ 20.62	\$ 21.24	\$ 21.88
Step 3	\$ 21.03	\$ 21.66	\$ 22.31	\$ 22.98
Step 4	\$ 22.04	\$ 22.70	\$ 23.38	\$ 24.08
Step 5	\$ 23.04	\$ 23.73	\$ 24.44	\$ 25.17
Step 6	\$ 24.05	\$ 24.77	\$ 25.51	\$ 26.28
Step 7	\$ 25.05	\$ 25.80	\$ 26.57	\$ 27.37
Step 8	\$ 26.06	\$ 26.84	\$ 27.65	\$ 28.48
Step 9	\$ 27.06	\$ 27.87	\$ 28.71	\$ 29.57
Step 10	\$ 28.07	\$ 28.91	\$ 29.78	\$ 30.67
Step 11	\$ 29.07	\$ 29.94	\$ 30.84	\$ 31.77
Step 12	\$ 30.08	\$ 30.98	\$ 31.91	\$ 32.87
Step 13	\$ 31.09	\$ 32.02	\$ 32.98	\$ 33.97
Step 14	\$ 32.09	\$ 33.05	\$ 34.04	\$ 35.06
Step 15	\$ 33.10	\$ 34.09	\$ 35.11	\$ 36.16
Step 16	\$ 34.06	\$ 35.08	\$ 36.13	\$ 37.21

**Truck Driver/Maint Worker 1 Grounds/Sewer Repairer 1/Mechanic Helper**

	<u>2024</u> 3.00%	<u>2025</u> 3.00%	<u>2026</u> 3.00%	<u>2027</u> 3.00%
Step 1	\$ 26.72	\$ 27.52	\$ 28.35	\$ 29.20
Step 2	\$ 27.54	\$ 28.37	\$ 29.22	\$ 30.10
Step 3	\$ 28.38	\$ 29.23	\$ 30.11	\$ 31.01
Step 4	\$ 29.25	\$ 30.13	\$ 31.03	\$ 31.96
Step 5	\$ 30.14	\$ 31.04	\$ 31.97	\$ 32.93
Step 6	\$ 31.05	\$ 31.98	\$ 32.94	\$ 33.93
Step 7	\$ 32.00	\$ 32.96	\$ 33.95	\$ 34.97
Step 8	\$ 32.98	\$ 33.97	\$ 34.99	\$ 36.04
Step 9	\$ 33.98	\$ 35.00	\$ 36.05	\$ 37.13
Step 10	\$ 35.02	\$ 36.07	\$ 37.15	\$ 38.26
Step 11	\$ 36.09	\$ 37.17	\$ 38.29	\$ 39.44
Step 12	\$ 37.20	\$ 38.32	\$ 39.47	\$ 40.65
Step 13	\$ 38.31	\$ 39.46	\$ 40.64	\$ 41.86

**Maintenance Worker 2 Grounds/Sewer Repair 2**

	<u>2024</u> 3.00%	<u>2025</u> 3.00%	<u>2026</u> 3.00%	<u>2027</u> 3.00%
Step 1	\$ 26.72	\$ 27.52	\$ 28.35	\$ 29.20
Step 2	\$ 27.87	\$ 28.71	\$ 29.57	\$ 30.46
Step 3	\$ 29.02	\$ 29.89	\$ 30.79	\$ 31.71
Step 4	\$ 30.17	\$ 31.08	\$ 32.01	\$ 32.97
Step 5	\$ 31.32	\$ 32.26	\$ 33.23	\$ 34.23
Step 6	\$ 32.46	\$ 33.43	\$ 34.43	\$ 35.46
Step 7	\$ 33.61	\$ 34.62	\$ 35.66	\$ 36.73
Step 8	\$ 34.76	\$ 35.80	\$ 36.87	\$ 37.98
Step 9	\$ 35.91	\$ 36.99	\$ 38.10	\$ 39.24
Step 10	\$ 37.05	\$ 38.16	\$ 39.30	\$ 40.48
Step 11	\$ 38.20	\$ 39.35	\$ 40.53	\$ 41.75
Step 12	\$ 39.35	\$ 40.53	\$ 41.75	\$ 43.00
Step 13	\$ 40.44	\$ 41.65	\$ 42.90	\$ 44.19

**UBLIC WORKS SALARIE**

**Mechanic**

	<u>2024</u> 3.00%	<u>2025</u> 3.00%	<u>2026</u> 3.00%	<u>2027</u> 3.00%
Step 1	\$ 26.97	\$ 27.78	\$ 28.61	\$ 29.47
Step 2	\$ 27.98	\$ 28.82	\$ 29.68	\$ 30.57
Step 3	\$ 29.00	\$ 29.87	\$ 30.77	\$ 31.69
Step 4	\$ 30.01	\$ 30.91	\$ 31.84	\$ 32.80
Step 5	\$ 31.03	\$ 31.96	\$ 32.92	\$ 33.91
Step 6	\$ 32.05	\$ 33.01	\$ 34.00	\$ 35.02
Step 7	\$ 33.06	\$ 34.05	\$ 35.07	\$ 36.12
Step 8	\$ 34.08	\$ 35.10	\$ 36.15	\$ 37.23
Step 9	\$ 35.10	\$ 36.15	\$ 37.23	\$ 38.35
Step 10	\$ 36.11	\$ 37.19	\$ 38.31	\$ 39.46
Step 11	\$ 37.13	\$ 38.24	\$ 39.39	\$ 40.57
Step 12	\$ 38.15	\$ 39.29	\$ 40.47	\$ 41.68
Step 13	\$ 39.11	\$ 40.28	\$ 41.49	\$ 42.73

**Senior Mechanic**

	<u>2024</u> 3.00%	<u>2025</u> 3.00%	<u>2026</u> 3.00%	<u>2027</u> 3.00%
Step	\$ 40.44	\$ 41.65	\$ 42.90	\$ 44.19

**Heavy Equipment Operator**

	<u>2024</u> 3.00%	<u>2025</u> 3.00%	<u>2026</u> 3.00%	<u>2027</u> 3.00%
Step 1	\$ 26.97	\$ 27.78	\$ 28.61	\$ 29.47
Step 2	\$ 27.98	\$ 28.82	\$ 29.68	\$ 30.57
Step 3	\$ 29.00	\$ 29.87	\$ 30.77	\$ 31.69
Step 4	\$ 30.01	\$ 30.91	\$ 31.84	\$ 32.80
Step 5	\$ 31.03	\$ 31.96	\$ 32.92	\$ 33.91
Step 6	\$ 32.05	\$ 33.01	\$ 34.00	\$ 35.02
Step 7	\$ 33.06	\$ 34.05	\$ 35.07	\$ 36.12
Step 8	\$ 34.08	\$ 35.10	\$ 36.15	\$ 37.23
Step 9	\$ 35.10	\$ 36.15	\$ 37.23	\$ 38.35
Step 10	\$ 36.11	\$ 37.19	\$ 38.31	\$ 39.46
Step 11	\$ 37.13	\$ 38.24	\$ 39.39	\$ 40.57
Step 12	\$ 38.15	\$ 39.29	\$ 40.47	\$ 41.68
Step 13	\$ 40.44	\$ 41.65	\$ 42.90	\$ 44.19