

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, January 4, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing platform (Meeting ID: 952 6266 2770).

Call to Order:

Municipal Clerk reads notice of Open Public Meetings law. The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Township Council which is being held via Zoom video conferencing due to restrictions on indoor public gatherings resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the time and date were included in the public meeting notice. This information, along with the public internet link and telephone call-in information was posted in the Municipal Building, and sent the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger and MyVeronaNJ.com and TAPinto, the official online news source(s) of the Township, at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at [www.veronanj.org/councilmeetings](http://www.veronanj.org/councilmeetings). A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda and instructions on how to comment will be provided at the appropriate time. This meeting is being recorded, both audibly and visually for retention purposes and for rebroadcast on the Township's YouTube.

Roll Call:

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin J. Ryan, Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Manager Matthew Cavallo, Township Attorney Brian Aloia and Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk are also present.

The purpose of this special meeting is for Council to enter in to Executive Session pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7) Contact Negotiations*, specifically 2021 professional services.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Proposed Resolutions:

None

Proposed Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-001**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Councilman Ryan; that the following resolution be adopted:

**PERMITTING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - a. Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)*
    - 2021 Professional Services
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when said subject has been fully discussed by the Council, and the attorney rules this matter may be brought before the public without jeopardizing any pending litigation.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy**

**NAYS:**

Public Comment:

None

Executive Session:

Council enters into Executive Session to discuss 2021 professional services. Assistant Township Engineer Michael DeCarlo is present along with John Jahr, Aaron Schrager and Joseph Fishinger, Jr. of Brightview Engineering.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. is motioned by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Mayor McEvoy. All in favor.

The next regular scheduled meeting is January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Kiernan*  
Matthew Cavallo, Township Manager

*Jack McEvoy*  
Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: January 25, 2021