Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, January 7, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey.

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; specifically, the time, date and location were included in the annual notice of meetings adopted by the governing body, posted in the Municipal Building, and sent to the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger. Additionally, the agenda for this meeting was posted in the Municipal Building and sent to the two newspapers before 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding this meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Mayor Ryan leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ryan reports candidate packets are available and requests the Municipal Clerk report as to the process. The Municipal Clerk states that this year's Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Two (2) seats, Councilman Roman and Deputy Mayor Nochimson are up for re-election. A candidate must be a registered voter in Verona and a resident of at least one (1) year. Packets may be picked up Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Candidates need 113 valid signatures to successfully be placed on the ballot. Packets are due back to the Municipal Clerk's office no later than 4pm on Monday, March 11, 2019. Residents are reminded that pursuant to State statute, registered voters cannot sign more than two (2) petitions, as there are only two (2) seats open.

Manager's Report:

The Township Manager re-appoints Glenn Beckmeyer, P.E. as Township Engineer for a term ending 12/31/2019 and Teena Schwartz as Shade Tree Commission Regular Member for a 5 year term ending on 12/31/2023.

He reports that the new PBA contract includes shift changes to 12 hour shifts. He states it has been running smoothly.

He also reports that the Township is proceeding with the purchase of the Cameco property and in currently in the process of getting environmental studies completed. The Township Council is looking at designating the block as an area of redevelopment and currently meeting with potential developers. He reminds the public that the Township is still in litigation with a court date scheduled in early March. He states that information will be released when it can be.

The Township Manager reports that bids were received for the Fairway Avenue Water Tank Rehabilitation, the award of the contract came in under budget and is on the agenda to be awarded tonight. Bids for the DPW Garage Fire Sprinkler System are set to be awarded at the next meeting along with second reading of the ordinance to fully fund the improvement. Bids for the Loading, Transportation and Delivery of Liquid Sludge are being reviewed by PVSC and the Township engineers and will be awarded at the next meeting.

Parking meters are un-bagged, up and running. We are waiting on ParkMobile to provide us the stickers for the parking meters. We expect them in the upcoming weeks so that ParkMobile can be implemented.

The 2019 Town Calendar is currently being finalized and we expect it will be in houses early January. The 2018 Calendar included January 2019.

Electronic Recycling drop-off will occur this Friday and Saturday from 8-3 at the DPW Garage

on Ozone Avenue.

The Leaf Dump is now closed for the season. Waste Industries is collecting Christmas Trees every Wednesday during the month of January. Please make sure to have you trees at the curb, without plastic bags, ornaments, or lights the night before for pickup.

Mr. Cavallo is pleased to announce the completion of the town-wide meter replacement and upgrade program. Mr. Cavallo thanks the residents for their cooperation with this project, which enables all water meters in the Township to be read in one day, saving the Township money and resources. Going forward, water and sewer bills for all residents will be due in March, June, September, and December. Residents may elect to enroll in two programs that simplify their quarterly billing and payments: The Townships' E-bill program, which transmits quarterly bills as e-mail attachments, is an eco- friendly option that eliminates paper bills for subscribed residents; or the Automatic Debit program, introduced last year, allows residents to enroll a bank account from which payments for their quarterly water & sewer (and/or tax) bills are electronically deducted.

The Library Grand Opening Gala is Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 7pm - 9pm.

School Crossing Guards are desperately needed to full 3-4 full-time and multiple substitute positions. The Township will again perform an audit of all posts to relocate personnel and will have to eliminate some posts.

The Township Manager congratulates County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr., Sheriff Armando B. Fontura, Court Surrogate Alturrick Kenney who were sworn in last week, and new Verona School Board of Education members Pam Priscoe and Tim Alworth who will be sworn in at tomorrow night's Board of Education meeting.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor Nochimson reports the Recreation Advisory Committee will meet tomorrow night and the Municipal Alliance Committee will meet Thursday night.

Councilman Roman reports the PBA contract has been worked on for a long time, He states shifting to the Pitman schedule is a positive change and the most efficient way to staff around the clock. He also reports the contract has changes in terminal leave. He thanks the bargaining unit and Township negotiation team.

Councilman McEvoy wishes everyone a Happy New Year. He states he has no report this evening but congratulates the two promotions made in the Police Department: Sergeant Rob Juliano and Lieutenant Dan Grecco. He commends Lieutenant Dave Wardrope for his published article on the midnight shift of the Verona Police Department. He also reports that the next Business Forum will be held on January 21, 2019 at 7:30 in the Community Center.

Councilman Giblin reports the Library Gala will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 7-9pm. Tickets are \$50 and will go towards the needs of the library. He thanks the Township Manager for the relaxed enforcement of overnight parking over the holidays. He is certain it was appreciated by residents who had family and friends in town.

ORDINANCE # 2018-35

FIXING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2018-35 by title into record.

The Township Manager states the ordinance gives all exempt employees of the Township a 2% raise.

Public Hearing: None.

Councilman Giblin asks if these are 2% for all employees listed on this ordinance. The Township Manager replies that there is an exception with one employee who has taken on additional responsibilities and is brought to a step equal to that if she was in the union and another employee whose increase is because of an earlier employment agreement.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-35 is moved by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Councilman McEvoy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2018-35 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2019-01

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND RETAINERS OF THE PAID POLICE OFFICERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, N.J. FOR THE YEARS 2017-2021.

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-01 by title into record.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance No. 2019-01 is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor Nochimson.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2019-01 is approved 5-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on January 28, 2019.

ORDINANCE No. 2019-02

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND RETAINERS OF THE PAID EMPLOYEES OF THE O.P.E.I.U. LOCAL 153, AFL-CIO OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-02 by title into record.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance No. 2019-02 is moved by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2019-02 is approved 5-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on January 28, 2019.

ORDINANCE No. 2019-03

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM GENERAL CAPITAL SURPLUS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SPINKLER SYSTEM FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE BUILDING BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-03 by title into record.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance No. 2019-03 is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor Nochimson.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2019-03 is approved 5-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on January 28, 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA CHAPTER 4 (ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT) BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-04 by title into record.

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo states this ordinance addresses the Public Comment section of this ordinance previously approved by the governing body in removing the elimination on answering by the Township Council during the Public Comment period. Township Attorney Brian Aloia confirms that going forward, instruction of the Public Comment period will be approved by resolution.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance No. 2019-04 is moved by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2019-04 is approved 5-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on January 28, 2019.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-01

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

ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Verona to earn additional revenue through the investment and prudent management of its cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, the Local Fiscal Affairs Law requires that each local unit shall adopt a cash management plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following shall constitute the Cash Management Plan for the Township of Verona and the Township of Verona shall deposit and manage its funds pursuant to this plan:

Definitions

- 1. Treasurer shall mean the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Township of Verona.
- 2. Fiscal year shall mean the twelve-month period beginning January 1 ending December 31.
- 3. Cash Management Plan shall mean the plan as approved by this resolution.

Designation of Depositories

1. At least once each fiscal year the Township Council shall by resolution designate the depositories for the Township of Verona in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40*A*:5-14.

Audit Requirement

1. The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40*A:*5-4.

Authority to Invest

1. The Township Manager and the Chief Financial Officer shall make and be responsible for municipal deposits and investments.

Investment Instruments

1. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall invest at his discretion in any investment instruments as approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services and in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40*A*:5-15.1 with maturities of twelve months or less.

Records and Reports

- 1. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall report all investments in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40*A:5-15.2*.
- 2. At a minimum the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall:
 - a. Keep a record of all investments.
 - b. Keep a cash position record, which reveals on a daily basis, the status of the Township's cash in its bank accounts.
 - c. Report monthly to the Township Council as to the status of cash balances in bank accounts, revenue collection and cash receipts and disbursements

Cash Flow

- 1. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall ensure that the Township's accounting system provides regular information concerning the Township's cash position and investment performance.
- 2. All monies shall be turned over to the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and deposited in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40*A:5-15*.
- 3. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer is authorized and directed to invest surplus funds of the Township of Verona as the availability of the funds permit. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer to minimize the possibility of idle cash by depositing the Township's monies in interest bearing accounts wherever practical and in the best interest of the Township of Verona.
- 4. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall ensure that funds are borrowed for Capital Projects in a timely fashion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-02

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

RESOLUTION FIXING DEPOSITORY FOR CURRENT FUND

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies held in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for Current Funds of the Township and that the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-03

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

RESOLUTION FIXING DEPOSITORY FOR WATER/SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies held in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for all Water Utility Operating Funds and the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-04

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

RESOLUTION FIXING DEPOSITORY FOR SWIMMING POOL UTILITY FLIND

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies held in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for Swimming Pool Utility Funds of the Township and that the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-05

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

RESOLUTION FIXING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR ALL PAYROLL FUNDS

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depositories for all payroll funds and the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-06

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

RESOLUTION FIXING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR GENERAL CAPITAL FUNDS

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for all Water Utility Operating Funds and the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-07

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

RESOLUTION FIXING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for all Water Utility Operating Funds and the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-08

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

RESOLUTION FIXING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR SWIMMING POOL UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for all Water Utility Operating Funds and the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-09

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

RESOLUTION FIXING DEPOSITORY FOR ALL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for all Water Utility Operating Funds and the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-10

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

RESOLUTION FIXING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR TRUST FUND-OTHER/ ESCROW BOOKKEEPER

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for all Trust Fund other/escrow bookkeeper and the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-11

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

RESOLUTION FIXING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for all Water Utility Operating Funds and the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-12

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

RESOLUTION FIXING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FUNDS

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for all Water Utility Operating Funds and the custodian shall be Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-13

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

RESOLUTION FIXING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT FEE TRUST FUNDS

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and **Kearny** Bank shall be the depository for all Development Fee Trust Funds collected pursuant to Chapter 213, Section 213-55. The custodian of the accounts shall be the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-14

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

RESOLUTION FIXING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for all Affordable Housing Trust Funds collected pursuant to Chapter 213, Section 213-54. The custodian of the accounts shall be the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Matthew Laracy and Township Manager, Matthew Cavallo.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-15

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

RESOLUTION FOR COURT FUNDS

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40*A:*5-14 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Investors Bank, New York Community Bank and Kearny Bank shall be the depository for Court Account Funds of the Township and the custodian shall be the Court Administrator.

All withdrawals shall be on orders signed by the Court Administrator and Deputy Court Administrator or the Judge.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-016

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

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES AND DESIGNATING TWO NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETING

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40:53.1 permits the governing body of every municipality to designate official newspapers for the publication of all advertisements and notices required by law to be published; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A.10:4-6 et seq.*, requires the governing body of each municipality to designate two newspapers to receive the notices of its meetings.

WHEREAS, all municipal advertisements shall be published in one or both of the designated official newspapers according to the various statutory provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Verona is desirous of designating two official newspapers for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of these statutes; and

WHEREAS, the VERONA-CEDAR GROVE TIMES and THE STAR LEDGER, a newspaper published within the County of Essex meets the statutory criteria for designation as the official newspapers for the Township of Verona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the VERONA-CEDAR GROVE TIMES and THE STAR LEDGER be hereby designated as the official newspapers for all advertisements and notices of the Township of Verona required to be published.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the VERONA-CEDAR GROVE TIMES and THE STAR LEDGER be hereby designated as the two newspapers to receive the notices required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-17

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

SETTING THE RATE OF PENALTIES AND GRACE PERIOD FOR RECEIPT OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CHARGES

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 54:67(a) permits the governing body to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal liens or charges on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable. The rate so fixed shall not exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00, to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date that

actual payment to the tax collector is made; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 54:67(c) permits the governing body to fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency as billed, prior to the end of the fiscal year, the penalty so fixed shall not exceed 6% of the amount of the delinquency with respect to each most recent fiscal year only; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is permissive in nature and requires the adoption of a resolution by the governing body imposing the penalty for delinquencies in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, it has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to authorize imposition of such penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 54:4-67(a) that the interest rate for delinquent taxes and any delinquency for the year 2019 be set at the rate of 8% per annum for amounts under \$1,500 and 18% per annum for amounts over \$1,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made by the 10th of the month after the date upon which the same became payable, effective January 1, 2019. In the event that the 10th of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday, the date of the Grace Period ends with the following working day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to *N.J.S.A.54:4-67* the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to impose a penalty of 6% on any delinquent taxes and municipal charges in excess of \$10,000 in addition to the interest charges set forth above.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-18

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

AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADJUSTMENT NOT EXCEEDING \$10.00

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has to make certain corrections and adjustments to the accounts in the Tax Collector's Office; and

WHEREAS, it is proper bookkeeping procedure to have the Tax Collector's record reflect that there are no monies due and owing; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A* 40*A:*5-17.1 allows the Tax Collector to process property tax refunds and cancellations or delinquency of less than \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make any corrections or adjustments to the accounts in the office of the Tax Collector where the correction or adjustment does not exceed \$10.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-19

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

TEMPORARY APPROPRATIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-19 provides that, where any contracts, commitments, or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2019 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purpose and amount required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriation in the 2018 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for principal and interest of debt, public assistance, and capital improvement fund, is the sum of \$19,836,957 for the Current Fund, \$5,417,6970 for the Water/Sewer Utility Fund, and \$506,250 for the Pool Utility; and

WHEREAS, the temporary budget shall not exceed 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2018 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for principal and interest of debt, public assistance, and capital improvement fund, which is the sum of \$5,207,201 for the Current Fund, \$1,422,143 for the Water/Sewer Utility Fund, and \$132,890 for the Pool Utility Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, that the following temporary appropriations for 2019 operating purposes be made in the amount of \$5,086,151 for the Current Fund, \$1,422,143 for the Water/Sewer Utility Fund, and \$132,890 for the Pool Utility Fund.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-20

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

AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEALS RESULTING IN A REDUCTION NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000.00

WHEREAS, there are tax appeals before the County Tax Board or the Tax Court of New Jersey where the amount of reduction in the total annual taxes as a result of a settlement does not exceed \$10,000.00 per tax year; and

WHEREAS, it will be more cost efficient for the Township to permit the Tax Assessor, the Attorney and the Township Manager to settle those tax appeals without the necessity of obtaining Township Council approval by way of a resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Tax Assessor, the Attorney and the Township Manager are hereby authorized to settle any tax appeal where the amount of reduction in the total annual taxes as a result of a settlement does not exceed \$10,000.00 per tax year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all settlements authorized pursuant to this Resolution shall be reported at the next meeting thereafter of the Township Council.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-21

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

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF ASSESSOR'S TAX APPEALS, ANSWERS, COUNTERCLAIMS, APPEALS AND CROSS APPEALS IN TAX MATTERS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

WHEREAS, statutory tax appeals and other matters and applications affecting the

taxation of real property within the Township of Verona are routinely filed with the Essex County Board of Taxation and the Superior Court of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Township to authorize and direct the Tax Assessor to take any and all action that he/she deems advisable in such tax matters in order to protect, promote and advance the Township's interest in assuring that each property within the Township is fairly and equitably assessed in accordance with the law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Township to authorize and direct the Township Attorney and/or Special Counsel to assist the Tax Assessor in such tax matters referred to herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the Tax Assessor of the Township of Verona be and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, file, pursue and litigate, if necessary, any Assessor's Tax Appeals, Answers to Tax Appeals, Counterclaims, Appeals and Cross-Appeals in statutory tax appeals and other matters and applications affecting the taxation of real property within the Township of Verona as may be filed with the Essex County Board of Taxation and/or the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor deems advisable in such tax matters in order to protect, promoteand advance the Township's interest in assuring that each property within the Township is fairly and equitably assessed in accordance with the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tax Assessor shall provide the Township Manager and the Township Council with a quarterly report detailing all pending tax appeals, and shall be required to obtain the prior approval and consent of the Township Council for the following:

- 1. The settlement of all non-residential tax appeals
- 2. The hiring of expert witnesses for purposes other than real property appraisals
- 3. The Tax Attorney for the Township of Verona be and are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action said Attorney deems advisable to assist the Tax Assessor of the Township of Verona in such tax matters as are referred to herein
- 4. The Township Manager, Township Tax Assessor, Township Tax Attorney be and are hereby authorized to take all necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the subject and intent of this Resolution

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-22

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

APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, *N.J.A.C.* 17:27-3.5 requires a municipality to designate an officer or employee to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Purchasing Agent, Stephanie Weise, shall serve as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that in pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.A.C.* 17:27-3.5 the Purchasing Agent, Stephanie Weise, is hereby designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Verona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Public Contract Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Monitoring Program.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-23

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC, ATTORNEYS AT LAW FOR TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2019 and terminating on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a proposal from Aloia Law Firm LLC, Attorneys at Law, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 to represent the Township as the Township Attorney for 2017 at the same rate of compensation as in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that the Aloia Law Firm LLC be awarded a contract to provide the aforementioned services; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law $(N.J.S.A.\ 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i))$ permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to the Aloia Law Firm LLC is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a monthly retainer of \$6,000 per month worked, or any portion thereof for "General Services" as outlined in the agreement, plus \$125 per hour for any and all legal services outside of the "General Services" performed by the Attorney, \$75 per hour for any paralegal work performed on services other than "General Services", plus the cost of any reimbursable items; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Account No. 01-20-155-027, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Aloia Law Firm LLC, Attorneys at Law, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 is hereby awarded a contract to provide to provide legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2019 and terminating on December 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost for said professional services shall be set at a monthly retainer of \$6,000 per month worked, or any portion thereof for "General Services" as outlined in the agreement, plus \$125 per hour for any and all legal services outside of the "General Services" performed by the Attorney, \$75 per hour for any paralegal work performed on services other than "General Services", plus the cost of any reimbursable items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this expenditure shall be charged to Account No. 01-20-155-027, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-24

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP FOR AUDIT SERVICES – CONTRACT # 18-20

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-4 requires every local unit to cause an annual audit of their books by a Registered Municipal Accountant licensed in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2018, the Township of Verona received sealed proposals for the Auditing Services – Contract #18-20; and

WHEREAS, one (1) responsive proposal was received; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, concurring with the Chief Financial Officer, has determined that it would be beneficial for the Township Council to appoint the PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, 293 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 270, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 to perform Auditing Services pursuant to statute for the fixed amount of \$56,100; and

WHEREAS, the John Lauria, RMA, PSA, Principal of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, has extensive experience in the field of Municipal Accounting and a long standing history in Verona; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account Nos. 01-20-145-217, 05-55-502-278, 05-55-502-381, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, 293 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 270, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 is hereby awarded Contract #18-20 to perform auditing services pursuant to statute for the fixed amount of \$56,100.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account Nos. 01-20-145-217, 05-55-502-278, 05-55-502-381, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall

be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-25

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BECKMEYER ENGINEERING, P.C. FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for general engineering services for the period commencing on January 1, 2019 and terminating on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has determined that it would be beneficial in to reappoint Glenn Beckmeyer, P.E., P.P., C.M.E. of the firm Beckmeyer Engineering, P.C., 117 Herman Street, East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073 to provide general engineering services for the 2019 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law $(N.J.S.A.\ 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i))$ permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to the Beckmeyer Engineering, P.C. is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a fixed rate of \$4,000.00 per month for "general engineering services" plus the cost of services outside the scope of "general engineering services" ranging in hourly rates from \$60 - \$135 per hour, plus reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$25,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account Nos. 01-26-290-028, 05-55-502-028, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Beckmeyer Engineering, P.C., 117 Herman Street, East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073 is hereby awarded a contract for General Engineering Services and shall be paid at the fixed rate of \$4,000.00 per month for "general engineering services" plus the cost of services outside the scope of "general engineering services" ranging in hourly rates from \$60 - \$135 per hour, plus reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$25,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Township Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and the Beckmeyer Engineering, P.C. shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account Nos. 01-26-290-028, 05-55-502-028, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Municipal

Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-26

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. DeMIRO, JR. FOR SERVICES AS SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined a need for outside Special Counsel to handle certain litigation matter related to property tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, concurring with the Township Attorney, has determined that it would be beneficial in to appoint the Law Offices of Michael A. DeMiro, Jr., 155 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 as Special Legal Counsel to represent the Township in these matters; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law $(N.J.S.A.\ 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i))$ permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to the Law Offices of Michael A. DeMiro, Jr. is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a fixed hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour for attorney services plus the cost of reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$25,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-155-028, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Law Offices of Michael A. DeMiro, Jr. 155 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel and shall be paid at the fixed hourly rate of \$125.00 an hour, plus the cost of reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$25,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Township Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and the Law Offices of Michael A. DeMiro, Jr. shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A.*

19:44A-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-155-028, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-27

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GIBLIN & GANNAIO, LLC FOR SERVICES AS SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined a need for outside Special Counsel to handle certain litigation matters; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, concurring with the Township Attorney, has determined that it would be beneficial in to appoint Giblin & Gannaio, LLC, 2 Forest Avenue, Suite 200, Oradell, New Jersey 07649 as Special Legal Counsel to represent the Township in these matters; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law $(N.J.S.A.\ 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i))$ permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to Giblin & Gannaio, LLC is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a fixed hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour for attorney services plus the cost of reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$25,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-155-028, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2017 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Giblin & Gannaio, LLC, 2 Forest Avenue, Suite 200, Oradell, New Jersey 07649 is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel and shall be paid at the fixed hourly rate of \$125.00 an hour, plus the cost of reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$25,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Mayor and Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and Giblin & Gannaio shall only be paid for the work completed;

furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-155-028, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-28

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC FOR SERVICES AS SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined a need for outside Special Counsel to handle certain matters related to the issuance of bonds and notes and other legal and litigation matters deemed appropriate by the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager, concurring with the Township Attorney, has determined that it would be beneficial in to appoint McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, 75 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 as Special Legal Counsel to represent the Township in these matters; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A.* 40*A*:11-5(a)(1)(i)) permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a fixed hourly rates of ranging from \$125.00 to \$ 215 per hour for services plus the cost of reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$25,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-155-028, certain Capital Ordinances, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, 75 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel and shall be paid at hourly rates of \$125 - \$ 215 per hour, plus the cost of reimbursable expenses, not to exceed \$25,000 for the calendar year without further authorization by the Township Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 01-20-155-028, certain Capital Ordinances, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-29

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

AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 303 LOT 4 QUALIFIES FOR DESIGNATION AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 et seq., provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to explore whether the real property located at the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and Sunset Avenue more commonly known as Block 304, Lot 4 on the Township of Verona Tax Map, inclusive of any and all streets, "paper" streets, private drives and right of ways (the "Study Area") may be an appropriate area for consideration for the program of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law sets forth a specific procedure for establishing an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, prior to the Township Council making a determination as to whether the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, the Township Council must authorize the Planning Board, by resolution, to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria of an area in need of redevelopment set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to direct the Township Planning Board to undertake such preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria for designation as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5 and in accordance with the investigation and hearing process set forth at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby authorizes and directs the Township of Verona Planning Board to conduct the necessary investigation and to hold a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area defined hereinabove qualifies for designation as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area under the criteria and pursuant to the public hearing process set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1, et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Township Council in the form of a Resolution with supportive documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Planning Board and Planning Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-30

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

AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 2301 LOTS 1-19 QUALIFIES FOR DESIGNATION AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 et seq., provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to explore whether the real properties located at the intersection of Pine Street & Depot Street more commonly known as Block 2301, Lots 1-19 on the Township of Verona Tax Map, inclusive of any and all streets, "paper" streets, private drives and right of ways (the "Study Area") may be an appropriate area for consideration for the program of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law sets forth a specific procedure for establishing an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, prior to the Township Council making a determination as to whether the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, the Township Council must authorize the Planning Board, by resolution, to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria of an area in need of redevelopment set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to direct the Township Planning Board to undertake such preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria for designation as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5 and in accordance with the investigation and hearing process set forth at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby authorizes and directs the Township of Verona Planning Board to conduct the necessary investigation and to hold a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area defined hereinabove qualifies for designation as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area under the criteria and pursuant to the public hearing process set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1, et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Township Council in the form of a Resolution with supportive documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Planning Board and Planning Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-31

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

AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 2205 LOT 6 QUALIFIES FOR DESIGNATION AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 et seq., provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to explore whether the real property located at the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue & Fells Road more commonly known as Block 2205, Lot 6 on the Township of Verona Tax Map, inclusive of any and all streets, "paper" streets, private drives and right of ways (the "Study Area") may be an appropriate area for consideration for the program of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law sets forth a specific procedure for establishing an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, prior to the Township Council making a determination as to whether the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, the Township Council must authorize the Planning Board, by resolution, to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria of an area in need of redevelopment set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to direct the Township Planning Board to undertake such preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria for designation as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5 and in accordance with the investigation and hearing process set forth at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby authorizes and directs the Township of Verona Planning Board to conduct the necessary investigation and to hold a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area defined hereinabove qualifies for designation as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area under the criteria and pursuant to the public hearing process set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1, et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Township Council in the form of a Resolution with supportive documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Planning Board and Planning Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-32

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

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE VERONA MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognize that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Essex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Verona Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2018-19 in the amount of:

DEDR \$39,000.00 Cash Match \$9,850.00 In-Kind \$29,250.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-33

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

AWARDING CONTRACT No. 18-11 FAIRWAY AVENUE WATER TANK REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2018 the Township of Verona received bids for Contract 18-11 – Fairway Avenue Water Tank Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, six (6) responsive and responsible bids were received for Contract 18-11; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low base bid with supplemental bids items was submitted by Worldwide Industries Corp. of Butler, Pennsylvania, however the bid was deemed non-responsive by the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Manda Corporation, 250 Columbia Avenue, Cliffside Park New Jersey 07010 was the next responsive and responsible bidder in the Base Bid Amount of \$688,400; and

WHEREAS, the Consulting Engineer has reviewed and recommends the Contract award be made to Manda Corporation, as the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the contract for Contract No. 18-11 be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Manda Corporation, 250 Columbia Avenue, Cliffside Park New Jersey 07010 in the total amount of \$688,400.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged against Capital

Account No. C-51-44-991-000 (Water/Sewer Bond Ordinance No. 2018-30) or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2019-34

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

AUTHORIZING MOVING TAX OVERPAYMENTS FROM 2014 TAXES TO OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, monies for taxes resulting in overpayments are held in Tax Overpayment; and

WHEREAS, a listing of these accounts is on file in the Tax Collector's office.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the Tax Collector on December 31, 2018, canceling \$26,234.94 for the year 2014, from Tax Overpayments to Budget Operations, be ratified and confirmed as follows:

<u>\$26,234.94</u>

TOTAL \$26,234.94

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-35

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

REFUNDING TAX LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, property located at 20 Church Street, Block 703 Lot 5, owned by 20 Church Street LLC, has been held in tax lien since December 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, payment was received, in the amount of \$18,497.23 from Foundation Title, LLC clearing the lien as follows:

Certificate #2018-5

Certificate\$17,438.90Redemption Penalty 6%\$ 1,046.33Search Fee\$ 12.00

Total \$18,497.23

Premium \$65,200.00

WHEREAS, this certificate has been held by Sunshine State Certificates VII, LLLP Bank United, Trustee and the certificate has been received and properly signed for cancellation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and Tax

Collector be authorized to refund, from Trust, \$83,697.23 to:

Sunshine State Certificates VII, LLLP Bank United, Trustee 7900 Miami Lakes Drive West Miami Lakes, FL 33016

Trust Check - Sunshine State Certificates VII- \$83,697.23 Certificate #18-00005

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-36

A motion was made by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman 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)
 - b. Pending Litigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 10:4-12(7)
- 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: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-37

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

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Verona (hereinafter the "Local Unit") has determined that membership in the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund (hereinafter the "Fund) established pursuant to Chapter 372, Laws of 1983 (N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq.), is in the best interest of the municipality.

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

SECTION 1. The Township of Verona hereby agrees to continue as a member in the "Fund" for a period commencing on 01/01/2019 and terminating on 12/31/2021 for the following types of insurance coverage:

- a) Workers Compensation and Employers Liability
- b) General Liability (including Police Professional & Public Officials Liability);
- c) Motor Vehicle and Equipment Liability Coverage;
- d) Property Damage (including Building & Contents, Automobile Physical Damage, Contractors Equipment, Crime and Boiler & Machinery)
- e) Environmental Impairment Liability
- f) Cyber Liability

SECTION 2. Local Unit agrees to enter into and abide by the terms of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A. Local Unit hereby authorizes and directs the Township Manager and the Township Clerk to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents as are necessary to comply with the requirements if the Fund.

SECTION 3. The Bylaws of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund are herby adopted and accepted by the Local Unit and the Local Unit hereby agrees to conduct its membership in the "Fund" according to the rights and obligations set forth therein.

SECTION 4. The Local Unit certifies that it has never defaulted on claims under a self insurance plan and that it has not had its insurance canceled for non-payment of premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to this application.

SECTION 5. Inconsistent Resolutions. All resolutions or parts thereof that are or may be, inconsistent with provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Resolution shall be deemed valid and effective.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38

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

SUPPORT OF PATH TO PROGRESS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC AND FISCAL POLICY WORKGROUP

WHEREAS, New Jersey faces a daunting fiscal crisis; and

WHEREAS, for two decades, while county and municipal governments made the proper pension payments, New Jersey governors from both parties severely underfunded the pension system for teachers and State government workers; and

WHEREAS, while local government pension systems are funded at the national average, the State's unfunded liability for pensions and retiree health benefits now tops \$150 billion – four times the size of the State budget; and

WHEREAS, actuaries project the State will have to increase its pension contribution from \$3.2 billion in this year's budget to \$6.7 billion to reach the Actuarially Required Contribution (ARC) by FY 2023; and

WHEREAS, health care costs continue to rise, and New Jersey and its local governments cannot sustain the unparalleled platinum-level benefits that they provided to their employees; and

WHEREAS, municipalities cannot address other major costs drivers, such as career-end sick leave payouts in excess of \$100,000, without relief from State government; and

WHEREAS, the State must bring pension and health care costs under control before they crowd out all other important spending needs, such as reinvestment in NJ Transit, making higher education more affordable and properly funding state aid to school districts to hold down property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona expresses its support for the recommendations of the Path to Progress report issued by the New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Workgroup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCroce, Assemblyman Jay Weber, Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Paul Sarlo, Senator Steve Oroho, Assembly Majority Leader Greenwald, Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor-Marin, Senator Tony Bucco, Senator Troy Singleton, Senator Dawn Addiego, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the new Jersey Association of Counties, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan NAYS:

(N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4)

Council Appointments

Term Expires
Brian J. Aloia, Esq. 12/31/2019

a. Township Attorney (N.J.S.A. 9-139)b. Township Auditor

John Lauria, RMA

12/31/2019

New/Unfinished Business:

The following appointments were made by a motion made by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Councilman Giblin. Vote: 5-0.

 Township Attorney Brian J. Aloia, Esq.

1 year term ending 12/31/2019

2. Township Auditor John Lauria, RMA

1 year term ending 12/31/2019

Public Participation:

Santi Condorelli, 59 Brookside Road, Verona, NJ Al DeOld, 39 Howard Street, Verona, NJ

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the public meeting at 9:47 p.m. is moved by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Ryan. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next regular scheduled meeting is January 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gennifer Kiernan

Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Kevin Ryan Kevin Ryan, Mayor

APPROVED: January 28, 2019