

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, April 22, 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 Ted Giblin and Councilman Jack McEvoy are present. Township Attorney Brian Aloia, Township Manager Matthew Cavallo and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present. Councilman Roman will be arriving late.

Mayor Ryan leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ryan reads a proclamation for Arbor Day and presents it to Shade Tree Commission Chairperson, Giovanni Coppa.

Mayor Ryan states a tree ordinance or discussion about the drafting of the ordinance will take place at the next meeting. He states the Environmental Commission had a successful tree sapling giveaway last Saturday while the Verona Park Conservancy held a successful park clean-up event.

Manager's Report:

The Public Hearing on the 2019 Municipal Budget is scheduled for this evening. The Public Hearing has been properly noticed in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

The Township Manager explains the ordinances on tonight's agenda. On introduction tonight is an ordinance to adopt a redevelopment plan for the Depot and Pine Street Redevelopment Area which will then go to the Planning Board for a consistency review with the Master Plan. He explains that this plan does not change any zoning requirements that are currently included in the Zoning Code of the Township. Once this plan is adopted, the Township can negotiate with perspective developers, name a developer and work with that developer in a cautionary method to amend the redevelopment plan where sections of the Zoning Code might be changed in order to move forward with the development. The Planning Board will review within the next 30 days and within 3 months times the Township can name a developer and eventually enter into a conditional agreement with the developer.

Councilman Roman enters Council Chambers at 7:21 p.m.

In observation of the Easter and Passover Holidays', the Township's overnight parking restrictions have been relaxed through Sunday evening April 28, 2019.

The Municipal Building Lobby will be open until 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 for residents to submit voter registration applications.

The Municipal Building Roof Replacement project is still underway begun. The new roofing material has been installed. Restoration of the cupola is underway. We expect the construction of the entrance awning by the Police Department to begin in the next few weeks.

The VHS Student Council is hosting its much-anticipated Town Wide Garage Sale on Saturday May 4 (rain date May 5). Registration is required and information can be found on the Township's webpage.

Councilmember Reports:

Deputy Mayor Nochimson has no report this evening.

Councilman McEvoy reports that the Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee will meet on April 24. He also reports that after the Environmental Commission's tree giveaway last week, remaining saplings were sent to the Hilltop for planting.

Councilman Giblin wishes his fellow Councilman, Alex Roman a happy birthday. He requests the Township Attorney provide the public with an update on the pending lawsuits the Township is involved in and what they entail. Brian Aloia, Township Attorney states he will provide whatever information can be provided given that it is pending litigation, at the next meeting on May 6. Councilman Giblin then states he has received inquiries from residents as to the allowing of oversized campaign banners in the Town. Mr. Aloia will provide a response at the next meeting.

Councilman Roman thanks Councilman Giblin for the well wishes. He requests an update from the Township Manager about the section of Pompton Avenue in need of repaving. Mr. Cavallo states he will speak with the County Engineer.

The Township Manager states the budget was approved by the Township Council on March 25 and subsequently advertised, as required by law on March 28 together with the notice of the hearing time. He explains there is a resolution this year requiring the Council to certify that the Township of Verona's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964". The 25-page document that we are certifying to was transmitted to the Council last week for their review. He attests to the Council that our practices are in compliance with said recommendations. He asks that the Township Council pass this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-77

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

**CERTIFYING THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA'S
COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5* as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Council have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5*, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution and group affidavit form of the Township Council evidencing said compliance shall be on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and available for inspection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council's certification shall be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey

Department of Community Affairs within three days after approval, together with the approved budget.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-78

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

PERMITTING 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex did in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5* introduced and approved the annual budget for the Township at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council on March 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-6*, the annual budget as introduced and approved was published by summary in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times, a newspaper circulated within the Township of Verona at least 10 days prior to April 22, 2019 the date set forth in the advertisement for public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building of the Township of Verona at 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of *N.J.S.A.40A:4-8* have been met by making for available for public inspection a complete copy of the approved budget at least one week prior to the date of the hearing and by making copies of said approved budget available to each person requesting the same during the said week and during the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that pursuant with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8*, the Township Council hereby determines that the Municipal Budget for the year 2019 shall be read by its title and it is further declared that the conditions as set forth in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8* have been met.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Public Hearing for 2019 Municipal Budget: None.

There is Council discussion on the 2019 Municipal Budget.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-79

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

ADOPTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Township of Verona for the 2019 calendar year;

General Appropriations:	<u>Year 2019</u>
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 17,695,028.00

2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 5,061,283.68
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	<u>\$ 1,680,000.00</u>
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	\$ 24,436,311.68
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	\$ (7,603,676.68)
6. Less: Minimum Library Tax (Item 6(c), Sheet 11)	<u>\$ (828,470.00)</u>
7. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	\$ 16,004,165.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget was published in the Verona-Cedar Times in the March 28, 2019 edition of the Verona Cedar Grove Times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held in the Municipal Building on April 22, 2019 at 7 o'clock p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2019 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that copies of the budget were available in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Township of Verona, at the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The budget was also posted on the Township's webpage at www.veronanj.org. All persons interested in the proposed budget had an opportunity to address the Township Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona does hereby adopt the preceding as the Budget for the 2019 year.

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

The 2019 Municipal Budget is adopted by a vote of 4-1.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$250,000 FROM CAPITAL FUND
BALANCE ACCOUNT FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY, CURB, AND
WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-11 by title into record.

Public Hearing: none

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-11 is moved by Deputy Mayor Nochimson; seconded by Mayor Ryan.

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

Ordinance No. 2019-11 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$75,000 FROM CAPITAL FUND
BALANCE ACCOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT**

**IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX,
NEW JERSEY**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-12 by title into record.

Public Hearing: none

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-12 is moved by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Councilman McEvoy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2019-12 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING
\$35,000 FROM CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF
VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-13 by title into record.

Public Hearing: none

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-13 is moved by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Ryan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2019-13 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEALING CHAPTER 104 (PEDDLERS AND
SOLICITORS), ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 104 (PEDDLERS AND
SOLICITORS), AND AMENDING CHAPTER A175-1 (SCHEDULE OF FEES)
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-14 by title into record.

Public Hearing: none

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-14 is moved by Deputy Mayor Nochimson; seconded by Council Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2019-14 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-15

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE
MECHANICAL BAR SCREEN AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT FOR THE SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF
VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING
\$600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$600,000
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST
THEREOF**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-15 by title into record.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-15 is moved by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Deputy Mayor Nochimson.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2019-15 is introduced 5-0 and will be published according to law. A public hearing will be held on May 6, 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-16

**ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN ENTITLED "DEPOT AND PINE
REDEVELOPMENT AREA" PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL
REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.***

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-16 by title into record.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-16 is moved by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Councilman McEvoy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2019-16 is introduced 5-0 and will be published according to law. It will be sent to the Planning Board for consistency review with the Master Plan.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-80

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

**ACCEPTING THE BID AND AWARDING OF CONTRACT No. 19-06 -
REFRESHMENT CONCESSION SERVICES
AT THE VERONA COMMUNITY POOL**

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2019, the Township of Verona received bids for Refreshment Concession Services at the Verona Community Pool – Contract No. 19-06; and

WHEREAS, Miele's Bakery, LLC, 5 Smull Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006 was the highest responsible bidder for Refreshment Concession Services at the Verona Community Pool, in the amount of \$19,000.00 paid to the Township for the 2019 pool season; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Contract 19-06 - Refreshment Concession Services at Verona Community Pool be accepted and awarded to Miele's Bakery, LLC, 5 Smull Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006 in the amount of \$19,000.00 paid to the Township.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-81

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

**APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT 18-19 TO
RUSSELL REID WASTE HAULING AND DISPOSAL SERVICE CO, INC.**

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2019, the Township Council awarded Contract No. 18-19 – Loading, Transportation & Delivery of Liquid Sewage Sludge to Accurate Waste Removal Services, Inc., 160 Gold Mind Road, Flanders, New Jersey by Resolution 2019-43; and

WHEREAS, Accurate Waste Removal Services, Inc. merged with Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co, Inc. and Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co, Inc. is the surviving entity of this merger; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to assign this contract to Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township hereby approves the assignment of Contract 18-19 to Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the terms and conditions contained in the original contract awarded by the Township Council on January 28, 2019 with Accurate Waste Removal Services, Inc. shall remain in full force and effect.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-82

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

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
2019 QUALIFIED PRIVATE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.1 et seq.*, the Township is required either to perform certain specified services on public roads and streets in the Condominium, which is a qualified private community, or to reimburse said Condominium to the extent specified in that statute for the actual costs to the Association of providing said specified services; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Private Communities in the Township of Verona for the year 2019 are as follows:

1. The Claridges
2. Claridge Estates I
3. Claridge Estates II
4. Green Acres/Ardleigh Mews
5. Verona Bloomfield Association
6. 300 Claremont Avenue
7. 284 Claremont Avenue
8. Verona Invest.
9. Kimberly Gardens
10. Kathleen Gardens
11. Beacon Hill
12. Kips Ridge
13. Wedgewood Gardens
14. Commons at Verona
15. Linwood Village
16. Huntington Park; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into a Qualified Private Community Services Agreement with the Qualified Private Communities for purposes of providing reimbursement for street ice and snow removal, street lighting, solid waste collection and leaf collection where applicable at a rate not to exceed the cost that would be incurred by the municipality in providing those services directly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township is hereby authorized to enter into Qualified Private Community Service Agreements with all the Qualified Private Communities

for the purpose providing reimbursement for street ice and snow removal, street lighting, solid waste collection and leaf collection where applicable at a rate not to exceed the cost that would be incurred by the municipality in providing those services directly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the Township of Verona to effectuate same.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-83

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

AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES FOR BLOCK 2301 LOTS 11, 12, 14 AND 15

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019 the Township of Verona has acquired certain properties commonly known as Block 2301, Lot 11, more commonly known as 86 Pine Street on the Tax Map of the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019 the Township of Verona has acquired certain properties commonly known as Block 2301, Lot 12, more commonly known as 90 Pine Street on the Tax Map of the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019 the Township of Verona has acquired certain properties commonly known as Block 2301, Lot 14, more commonly known as 100 Pine Street on the Tax Map of the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019 the Township of Verona has acquired certain properties commonly known as Block 2301, Lot 15, more commonly known as 110 Pine Street on the Tax Map of the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, the as the owner of real property the Township of Verona is exempt from property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township Tax Collector be authorized to cancel 2019 real property taxes for Block 2301, Lots 11, 12, 14 and 15, commonly known as 86, 90, 100 and 110 Pine Street as of March 13, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall cause a certified copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Township Tax Assessor and Tax Collector for filing.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-84

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

APPROVING THE CERTIFICATION LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA FIRE DEPARTMENT QUALIFYING FOR CREDIT UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR 2018

WHEREAS, The Township adopted Ordinance #10-99 which created the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP); and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191* requires that the Fire Chief furnish the Township Council with an annual certification list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program for the previous year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the list of the volunteer members of the Township of Verona Fire Department certified by the Fire Chief for the year 2018, a copy of which list is attached here as Exhibit A is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this list has been posted for at least thirty (30) days in the respective fire companies.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

**AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL TO PROVIDE PLANT WATERING**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.* (the "Act"), authorized local units of this State to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona and the Borough of Caldwell are desirous to enter an Interlocal Services agreement to provide flower basket watering; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona and the Borough of Caldwell have reached an agreement as to the terms and conditions associated with said agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of both municipalities to enter into this Interlocal Services Agreement for the period beginning on or around May 27, 2019 and terminating on or around September 2, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Township Manager and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Caldwell to provide plant watering services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Borough of Caldwell.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-86

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

REFUNDING TAX LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, property located at Wedgewood Drive Unit 33, Block 1712 Lot 1 Qualifier C0033, owned by John Galife, has been held in tax lien since December 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, payment was received, in the amount of \$11,400.93 from Corelogic Bank, clearing the lien as follows:

Certificate #18-00006

Certificate	\$5,114.23
4% Redemption Penalty	\$ 204.57
Search Fee	\$ 12.00
Recording Fee	\$ 53.00

2018 Taxes plus Interest	\$4,912.86
2019 Taxes plus Interest	\$1,104.27
Total	\$11,400.93
Premium	\$ 7,500.00

WHEREAS, this certificate has been held by US Bank Cust for Tower DB VIII Trust 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, \$18,900.93 to:

US Bank Cust for Tower DB VIII Trust
50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Trust Check – US Bank Cust for Tower DB VIII Trust - \$18,900.93 Certificate #18-00006

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

RESOLUTION No. 2019-87

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

REFUNDING TAX LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, property located at Wedgewood Drive, Behind Building 4, Block 1712 Lot 1 Qualifier C7013, owned by John Galife, has been held in tax lien since December 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, payment was received, in the amount of \$391.71 from Corelogic, clearing the lien as follows:

Certificate #2018-7	
Certificate	\$176.36
4% Interest	\$ 2.66
Search Fee	\$ 12.00
2018 Taxes plus Interest	\$162.01
2019 Taxes plus Interest	\$ 38.68
Total	\$391.71

WHEREAS, this certificate has been held by The Approved Realty Group LLC 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, \$391.71 to:

The Approved Realty Group LLC
PO Box 869
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Trust Check – The Approved Realty Group LLC - \$391.71 Certificate #18-00007

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

RESOLUTION No. 2019-88

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

REFUNDING TAX LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, property located at 77 Hillside Avenue, Block 2006 Lot 28, owned by John Gardner, has been held in tax lien since December 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, payment was received, in the amount of \$32,148.95 from PTCS Title Agency, clearing the lien as follows:

Certificate #18-00008	
Certificate	\$13,754.39
6% Redemption Penalty	\$ 825.26
Recording Fee	\$ 53.00
6% Year End Penalty	\$ 776.17
2018 Taxes plus Interest	\$13,563.07
2018 Water/Sewer plus Interest	\$ 141.03
2019 Taxes plus Interest	\$ 3,036.03
Total	\$32,148.95
Premium	\$48,300.00

WHEREAS, this certificate has been held by Sunshine State Certificates 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, \$80,448.95 to:

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

Trust Check – Sunshine State Certificates - \$80,448.95 Certificate #18-00008

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-89

A motion was made by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Councilman McEvoy 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. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*
 - Docket No. ESX-L-4773-15

(In All Declaratory Judgement Actions Filed by Various Municipalities,
County of Essex, Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Decision in In re
Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96, 221 N.J. 1 (2015))

b. Contract Negotiations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)

- Docket No. ESX-L-4773-15

(In All Declaratory Judgement Actions Filed by Various Municipalities,
County of Essex, Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Decision in In re
Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96, 221 N.J. 1 (2015))

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:

Public Participation:

Michelle Gruet, 35 Fells Road, Verona, NJ
Vin Marino, 36 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Verona, NJ
Ray Sharma, 34 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Verona, NJ
Ciraco Sellito, 30 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Verona, NJ
Amorosa Sellito, 30 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Verona, NJ

Adjournment:

Council goes into Closed Session at 8:38 p.m. Moved by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Giblin. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next regular scheduled meeting is May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Kevin Ryan
Kevin Ryan, Mayor

APPROVED: May 6, 2019