

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, August 5, 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 Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Roman, Councilman Kevin Ryan and Councilman Ted Giblin. Township Attorney Brian Aloia, Township Manager Matthew Cavallo and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present. Councilwoman McGrath is absent.

Mayor's Report:

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor McEvoy holds a moment of silence for the victim's of El Paso, Texas and Dayton Ohio's mass-shootings.

Mr. McEvoy invites Jay Coltre, Essex County Liaison to the lectern. Mr. Coltre reports the County's vendor is working on the restoring the flagpole in Verona Park at Councilman Giblin's request. Mr. Coltre also reports that the County is holding a dedication of buildings located at 320-321 University Avenue in Newark this Wednesday at Noon.

Mayor McEvoy states that August 6 from 6-9pm, National Night Out will be held at the Community Center. All are invited. The Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee will hold a seminar entitled, "How Fast is Too Fast" on September 17 at 7:30 pm in the Community Center.

Manager's Report:

Resolution 2019-99, which refers the Spectrum 360 property back to the Planning Board for a second review to determine if the property meets the requirements of a non- condemnation area in need of redevelopment. The Planning Board voted to hire Mr. Fred Suljuc, PP to conduct a new Area in Need of Redevelopment Survey of the property. A draft of report has been published and a new review by the Planning Board began on July 25. Further testimony is required and has been scheduled for August 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center Ballroom.

The DPW Garage Fire Sprinkler System project close out for this project is on the agenda for tonight.

The solicitation for the HVAC Service Contract & New Work was bid. One vendor submitted a response. We will award at the meeting on August 19.

Movie Under The Stars - "A Dogs Way Home" - Tuesday, August 20 (raindate Wednesday, August 21)

Mr. Cavallo states appointments were accidentally omitted at the July 15 meeting and create the appropriate staggered terms required for the Environmental Commission. Those appointments are

Sean DiBartolo	Regular Member	Term Expiring 6/30/2022
Michael Auteri	Regular Member	Term Expiring 6/30/2022

Councilmember Reports:

Deputy Mayor Roman reports that Restaurant Week will be September 15 through 19. He recommends visiting the many restaurants in Verona. He wishes the Mayor a Happy Birthday. Councilman Ryan sends his thoughts and prayers to the victims of the mass-shootings. He speaks

about the need to tighten gun laws. He attended the Environmental Commission meeting where the Commission announced its Sustainable Student Poster Contest for grade 4 and up. He also reports the Commission is in the process of getting a petition to restrict the use of plastic bags.

Councilman Giblin echoes Councilman Ryan's sentiments on gun control. He states that since Councilwoman McGrath is involved with Moms Demand Action, we can learn more about the roles we can play to take action and make sure these are not frequent occurrences. He commends the Township Manager for opening the Verona Community Pool to all residents during the last heat wave.

ORDINANCE No. 2019-20

AMENDING CHAPTER A175 "FEES" THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS THEREOF

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2019-20 by title into record.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-20 is moved by Councilman Ryan; seconded by Councilman Giblin.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: McGrath

Ordinance No. 2019-20 is adopted 4-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on August 19, 2019.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-138

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

APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE NO. 1 AND CONTRACT CLOSE-OUT CONTRACT NO. 18-04

WHEREAS, EACM Corporation and the Township of Verona have heretofore entered into an Agreement, more particularly known as Contract No. 18-04 - "DPW Garage Fire Sprinkler System Installation" for the furnishing of labor, equipment and materials in the amount of \$299,500.00, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Council has received Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out for the within contract, dated July 1, 2019 in an amount of minus \$5,000.00, for a final contract amount of \$294,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out do not expand the scope of the within contract; and

WHEREAS, EACM Corporation have filed the required Maintenance Bond and Release of Liens with the Township and such documents have been recorded in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the within Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out is in the best interests of 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 Contract Change No. 1, in the amount of (minus) \$5,000.00, for a final contract amount of \$294,500.00 be approved and Contract No. 18-04 be closed out; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, the Township Engineer, the Township Clerk and any other officer as may be deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to

execute Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out for Contract No. 18-04 on behalf of the Township.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: McGrath

The Township Council reappoints Rent Control Board Attorney Alex Graziano, Esq., to a term expiring 6/30/2020.

Public Participation:

Kathleen Laterza, 810 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ

Matthew Nikolai, 810 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ

Jack Martin, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn moved by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Councilman Ryan at 8:46 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting is August 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan

Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Jack McEvoy

Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: August 19, 2019