

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on November 11, 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, advance written notice of at least 48 hours, giving the time, date and location and to the extent known, the agenda, which notice stated that formal action may be taken, was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and sent to the official newspapers, transmitted to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and Star-Ledger and published on November 7, 2019 in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and November 8, 2019 in the Star Ledger.

Roll Call:

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin Ryan; Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Attorney Brian Aloia, Township Manager Matthew Cavallo and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present. Also in attendance are Joe Baumann, Special Counsel, of McManimon, Scotland, Baumann, LLC; Brian Giblin Sr., Special Counsel, Giblin and Gannaio; Lara Schwager, Vice President of Development for PIRHL; Joel Patterson, Development Project Manager of PIRHL; Katherine A. Coffey of Day Pitney, LLP and Gary Veenstra, P.L.S., of Neglia Engineering Associates.

Mayor McEvoy leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-176

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

**AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION
ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:40-1**

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2019 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 for transfer purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriation accounts of the 2019 Municipal Budget as follows:

	FROM	TO
Administration – Salary and Wage	\$10,000	
Finance Office – Salary and Wage	\$10,000	
Police – Salary and Wage	\$20,000	
Street and Road Maintenance – Salary and Wages	\$5,000	
Tax Assessor – Salary and Wage	\$3,000	
Utilities – Gasoline	\$10,000	
Administration – Other Expenses		\$8,000
Municipal Clerk – Other Expenses		\$2,000
Tax Assessor – Other Expenses		\$3,000
Uniform Construction Code- Other Expenses		\$5,000
Uniform Construction Code- Salary and Wage		\$5,000
Police – Other Expenses		\$10,000
Vehicle Maintenance – Other Expenses		\$15,000
Utilities – Telephone, Internet, and Cable		<u>\$10,000</u>

	TOTAL	\$58,000	\$58,000
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ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2019-177

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Mayor 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 Council 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)*
 - Spectrum Redevelopment - Block 303, Lot 4
 - Cameco Redevelopment - Block 2301, Lots 1-19
 - b. 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)*)
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when said subject has been fully discussed by the Council, and the attorney rules this matter may be brought before the public without jeopardizing any pending litigation.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

Public Comment:

Monica Martin, 84 Pine Street, Verona, New Jersey

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:06 is moved by Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Deputy Mayor Roman. Vote: 5 ayes.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the public meeting at 11:32 is moved by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Councilman Giblin. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Jack McEvoy
Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: November 19, 2019