Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, May 1, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey and via Zoom video conferencing platform.

# Call to Order:

Municipal Clerk reads notice of Open Public Meetings Act.

## Roll Call:

Mayor Alex Roman, Deputy Mayor Christine McGrath, Councilwoman Cynthia Holland and Councilman Christopher Tamburro are present. Township Attorney Brian Aloia, Township Manager Joseph D'Arco and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present as well as Steven Neale, Director of Administration and Economic Development. Councilman Jack McEvoy is absent this evening.

#### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Roman honors the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls suburban basketball teams and invites coaches Kieran Quinn and Dave Aromondo to each give some background on the outstanding season both teams had. The Mayor presents each player with a certificate of recognition. Afterwards, he invites Essex County Liaison, J. Coltre to the lectern. Mr. Coltre reports on the hazardous waste and electronics drop off days the County will hold at 99 Bradford Avenue in Cedar Grove and also reports that stump grinding of the trees in Verona Park will take place soon.

Mayor Roman expresses his condolences to his good friend, Councilman Jack McEvoy, whose mother, Angelica, recently passed away. The Mayor attended the Verona Islamic Center's Eid celebration.

# Manager's Report:

Township Manager Joe D'Arco invites the Township's Affordable Housing Team, Jaime Placek of DeCotiis, Dan Hauben of DMR and Laura Mongello, the Township's Affordable Housing Agent to the lectern to explain the Township's Affordable Housing obligations as a result of their settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing, specific the Affordable Housing Development Fee ordinance on tonight's agenda for introduction, and will then be sent to the Planning Board to determine its consistency with the Master Plan. The Team will also be sending the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to the Planning Board for a public hearing to be held on May 25, 2023.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18

# REPEALING ARTICLE XIX OF CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING WITH A NEW ARTICLE XIX-AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-18 by title into record.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2023-18 is moved by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilman Tamburro.

## ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

Ordinance No. 2023-18 is introduced 4-0 and will be referred to the Planning Board to determine consistency with the Master Plan.

### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-088**

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

## REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-3

**WHEREAS**, permission is required by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A.* 40*A*: 12A-3 provides for receipt of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund are hereby anticipated as revenue are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement.

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

- 1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund required by *N.J.S.A* 40*A*: 12*A*-3.
- 2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

## ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

Steve Neale reports that the Township received a recreation grant from DCA in the amount of \$75,000. Boswell Engineering will be providing the Council with a project at the May 15 meeting as will Jacobs Engineering. The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 29 beginning at 10am.

# Public Comment:

Regina Rachel, Verona, New Jersey James Tonko, Verona, New Jersey Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey Debbie Aldiero, Verona, New Jersey

# Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McGrath expresses her sympathies to Councilman Jack McEvoy. She thanks the Islamic Center for their celebration for the end of Ramadan. The MIAAC has rescheduled their meeting for May 4. She encourages everyone to vote on May 9 and thanks the Municipal Clerk for her accuracy and hard work with this election.

Councilman Tamburro echoes the sentiments of his colleagues. He wishes all the moms a Happy Mother's Day and urges everyone to vote on May 9.

Councilwoman Holland extends her sincerest condolences to the McEvoy family. She reminds the public the last day to register for the Community Pool is today before incurring an administrative fee. She acknowledges the tremendous rainfall that occurred and the impact it had and vows to continue to work for, and serve the residents of Verona in addressing storm water management issues.

# ORDINANCE No. 2023-14

# BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND SUPERSEDING BOND ORDINANCE #2021-13 FINALLY ADOPTED MAY 3, 2021, AND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE #2022-30 FINALLY ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-14 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-14 is moved by Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath.

Public Hearing:

None.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

Ordinance No. 2023-14 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

#### **ORDINANCE # 2023-16**

# FIXING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/TAX COLLECTOR

# 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-16 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-16 is moved by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

Public Hearing:

None.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

Ordinance No. 2023-16 is adopted 4-0 and will be published according to law.

# ORDINANCE No. 2022-19

# CAPITAL ORDINANCE BY APPROPRIATING \$75,000 FROM THE WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE HYDRAULIC STUDY, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND NJIB APPLICATIONS FOR CLARIDGE DRIVE PUMPING STATION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-19 by title into record.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2023-19 is moved by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

Ordinance No. 2023-19 is introduced 4-0, will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 15, 2023.

ORDINANCE No. 2023-20

# CAPITAL ORDINANCE BY APPROPRIATING \$15,000 FROM THE POOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE SPLASH PAD PROJECT AT THE COMMUNITY POOL

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-20 by title into record.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2023-20 is moved by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

# ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

Ordinance No. 2023-20 is introduced 4-0, will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 15, 2023.

Councilman Tamburro requests item H-4 be moved to Old Business for further discussion.

Minutes from April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> regular meetings and the April 3<sup>rd</sup> special meeting are unanimously approved.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items:

None.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-089**

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

# REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance, and

**WHEREAS**, PL 1997, Chapter 256; *N.J.S.A. 2B:12-28* provides for the receipt of Municipal Public Defender revenues by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Municipal Public Defender are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirements.

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

- 1. The Township Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to place funds received by the Municipal Public Defender in a specified fund to be considered a dedication by rider to the budget in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-39 for the Municipal Public Defender.
- 2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-090**

A motion was made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath 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 2022

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 Commissioner furnish the Mayor and Council of the Township 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 Municipal Council of the Township of Verona that the governing body hereby approves the list of the volunteer members of the Township of Verona Fire Department certified by the Fire Department Chief for the year 2022, a copy of which list is attached here as Exhibit A; and

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

# **RESOLUTION No. 2023-091**

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

# AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BAKER & TAYLOR, LLC

WHEREAS, the Library purchases books or media that are accessible for use; and

WHEREAS, the Library is a *temple unabridged with priceless treasure*; and

WHEREAS, the Library Director has requested Baker & Taylor, a distributor of books and media to public libraries schools; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, \$66,000.00 of the services provided shall be charged to the budget account 3-01-29-390-281 and \$6,500.00 of the services provided shall be charged to the budget account 3-01-29-390-282; and

**WHEREAS,** the award of the contract to Becker & Taylor is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5 and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form completed by Becker & Taylor have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Baker & Taylor, LLC, 2810 Coliseum Centre Drive, Suite 300, Charlotte, NC 28217 is hereby awarded a contract for providing books and media not to exceed \$72,500; and

**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 the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

# ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

## **RESOLUTION No. 2023-092**

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

# AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CAPITOL SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township has a continued need to purchase water service materials; and

**WHEREAS,** Capitol Supply Construction Products, Inc. is the local distributor of Mueller Water Works Products used by the Water Utility; and

WHEREAS, the Township has already expended \$14,785.04 and has a need to purchase materials; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00 but will not exceed the Township's bid threshold of \$35,000; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 3-05-55-502-334, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

**WHEREAS**, the award of the contract to Capitol Supply Construction Products, Inc. is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5 and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form completed by Capitol Supply Construction Products, Inc. have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Capitol Supply Construction Products, Inc., 149 Old Turnpike Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470 is hereby awarded a contract for providing water service materials for use by the Water Utility.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

# **RESOLUTION No. 2023-093**

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

## AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for professional tax appeal appraisal and added assessment services; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said

services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Township advertised an RFP and reviewed the proposals received; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC, 7 Hutton Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 is qualified to conduct tax appeal appraisals and added assessment services for the Township; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Township Manager and Qualified Purchasing Agent have recommended that a contract be authorized with Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC to provide said services for the Township, when necessary not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, services provided by Hendricks Appraisal Company shall be charged to budget account 3-01-20-150-045.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC, 7 Hutton Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 is hereby awarded a contract for real estate appraisals when necessary, not to exceed \$30,000.00 without further authorization of 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; and

**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 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: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-094**

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

# AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AND SPATIAL DATA LOGIC FOR MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has a need to continue using municipal management software services; and

WHEREAS, the Township has solicited the services of Spatial Data Logic, 285 Davidson Avenue, Suite 302, Somerset, New Jersey 08873 to provide these software services to the Township; and

**WHEREAS,** Spatial Data Logic has provided the attached proposal for municipal management software services, in an amount not to exceed \$22,400.00; 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 municipal management software services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, a Certification has been issued by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Verona certifying that sufficient funds have been appropriated and are available to cover this proposal and shall be charged to budget account 3-01-24-264-030; and

**WHEREAS,** the award of the contract to Spatial Data Logic is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5 and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form completed by Spatial Data Logic have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Manager and the Municipal 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 Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

# **RESOLUTION No. 2023-095**

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

# URGING CONGRESS TO RESTORE THE FULL DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference Resolution No. 2019-14 urged Congress to restore the full deductibility of State and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding Resolution No. 2019-14, the full deductibility of State and local taxes has not been restored and the Township Council recognizes that almost all residents in the Township of Verona are negatively impacted by the elimination of the deductibility of the taxes and the Council desires this issue to remain an item for consideration until such as this matter is resolved and the full deductibility is restored; and

WHEREAS, the deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) has been a feature of the tax code for more than 100 years, with the first federal income tax form in 1913 allowing taxpayers to deduct state and local taxes, one of only six deductions allowed at the time, and even the federal Civil War tax in 1862 included a deduction for SALT; and

WHEREAS, this important provision ensures against double taxation and reflects mandatory tax payments, which support public services that benefit all citizens, such as K-12 schools, law enforcement and public safety, transportation and infrastructure, and vital community and public health services; and

**WHEREAS,** the SALT deduction is one of the few provisions in the federal tax code that recognizes the burden placed on states like New Jersey, which provide significantly more in federal tax revenue than they receive back in federal services and grants; and

WHEREAS, according to the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, in 2016 1.8 million, or 40 percent of New Jersey taxpayers, deducted from their federal income tax, their local property tax and state income taxes, averaging \$18,000 per deduction; and

WHEREAS, the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts passed in 2017 capped the SALT deduction at \$10,000; and

**WHEREAS,** many New Jersey Families relied upon the federal SALT deduction to ensure tax fairness, and capping the SALT deduction has placed an unfair burden on New Jersey and Township of Verona homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, the SALT deduction cap present a barrier to affordable homeownership in New Jersey, impacting the ability of new, young families to prosper in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, urges Congress to restore the full SALT deduction and provide more equitable taxation once again to residents of New Jersey and the Township of Verona.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of the resolution be transmitted to our representatives in Congress, the President of the United States, all members of the New Jersey State Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

# ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

# **RESOLUTION No. 2023-096**

A motion was made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath 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:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

- 1. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 10:4-12 (7)
- 2. Personnel Matters pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (8)

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

# Addendum:

A motion was made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Councilwoman Holland that the following resolution be adopted:

# RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH OPEIU LOCAL 153, AFL-CIO

WHEREAS, the Administration has been successful in reaching a settlement in contract negotiations with Office & Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), Local 153, AFL-CIO; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have prepared the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement outlining the terms and conditions agreed to during negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been ratified by the rank and file of OPEIU Local 153, AFL-CIO and sets forth the terms and conditions of employment as well as all privileges, benefits and salaries for the period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that it hereby ratifies the Agreement and authorizes the Township Manage and Township Clerk to execute the attached collective bargaining agreement with OPEIU Local 153, AFL-CIO for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS:

# **ABSENT: McEvoy**

New Business:

Council discusses the Invasive Species ordinance and suggests it be sent to the Environmental Commission for their review.

Council discusses item H-4, codifying the Multicultural Inclusion Accessibility and Advisory Committee. At their request, Steve Neale reports on staffing, hours and event dates.

# ORDINANCE No. 2023-21

# ESTABLISHING THE MULTICULTURAL INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY THE CREATION OF CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE VII, ENTITLED "MULTICULTURAL INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE"

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-21 by title into record.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2023-21 is moved by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

# ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, Roman NAYS: ABSENT: McEvoy

Ordinance No. 2023-21 is introduced 4-0, will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 15, 2023.

Public Comment:

Kevin Ryan, 92 Elmwood Avenue, Verona, New Jersey

Council enters into Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. and returns into Public Session at 10:25 p.m.

#### Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m. is made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Mayor Roman. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Township Council is May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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nifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Alex Roman, Mayor

APPROVED: May 15, 2023