

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2024-074

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

**AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 2024-01
LOADING, TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY OF LIQUID SLUDGE**

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2024, the Township issued a solicitation to bid for the Loading, Transportation and Delivery of Liquid Sludge Contract; and

WHEREAS, the bid opening date was originally scheduled for March 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, by way of an addendum, the bid opening date of March 7, 2024 was cancelled and the bid opening day was rescheduled for March 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2024, the Township of Verona received bids for Contract 2024-01- Loading, Transportation and Delivery of Liquid Sludge; and

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received for Contract 2024-01; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2024, the Township received a timely sealed bid from Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service, Inc. by way of FedEx, however, the sealed bid package was delivered to the Town Manager's Office where it remained unopened in the Manager's secure office suite; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2024, the Township Clerk publicly opened and read aloud two (2) bids from Waste Management of New Jersey and Spectraserv Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the bid package from Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service, Inc. received by the Township on March 14, 2024, was not forwarded interoffice to the Township Clerk until March 15, 2024, after the bids were publicly opened and read aloud, because the Manager's assistant was not in the office on the date the bid was received; and

WHEREAS, because the Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service bid was received in a timely fashion, was maintained by the Township in a secure location, was sealed and not opened with the other two bids only because of the Township's failure to recognize the bid had been received in the mail the day before, the Township determined that the bid should be accepted and considered along with the other two bids; and

WHEREAS, of the three (3) bids received by the Township, Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the bids and recommends the Contract award be made to Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service, Inc., 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 Contract No. 2024-01 be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Russell Reid Waste Management, 200 Smith Street, Keasbey, NJ 08832 for rates provided on the proposal and based upon historical sludge production from the Waste Water Treatment Plant of \$1.1M gallons per year, the total contract value for the first 12 months shall be estimated at \$59,070 while actual costs will be paid upon at the actual sludge hauled. Future contract value will be subject to actual quantities and unit prices in place at the time of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged against an account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial officer or her designee and the availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement or any other required documents for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to certify to a copy of this Resolution and forthwith transmit a copy of said Certified Resolution to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Roman

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2024.


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

