

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, April 21, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey, and via Zoom video conferencing.

Call to Order:

The Municipal Clerk reads the notice of Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Mayor Tamburro, Deputy Mayor McEvoy, Councilman Roman is attending via Zoom, Councilwoman McGrath, Councilwoman Holland, Township Manager Kevin O’Sullivan, Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus, Township Attorney Brian Aloia, and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are present.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Tamburro hopes everyone had a joyous Easter or Passover. The Environmental Commission met. They are having a native plant sale and conducting a poster contest. Winners will be at the next Council meeting. The Planning Board will meet Thursday. He wishes Councilman Roman a happy birthday.

Essex County liaison, J. Coltre also wishes Councilman Roman a happy birthday. The County will be holding a Drug Takeback Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Hazardous Waste Dropoff will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30am until 4:30pm at the County’s Public Works facility at 99 West Bradford Avenue in Cedar Grove. Electronic Recycling will be held there on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Manager’s Report:

Township Manager Kevin O’Sullivan presents the 2025 Municipal Budget to the Council for adoption.

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-080**

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

**PERMITTING 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township 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 17, 2025; 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 Star Ledger, a newspaper circulated within the Township of Verona at least 10 days prior to April 21, 2025, the date set forth in the advertisement for public hearing to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Township Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey; 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 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 2025 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:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

Public Hearing on the 2025 Municipal Budget:

None.

RESOLUTION No. 2025-081

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

ADOPTION OF THE 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 2025 calendar year.

General Appropriations:	Year 2025
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 21,900,850.00
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 5,418,131.00
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	<u>\$ 1,500,000.00</u>
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	\$ 28,818,981.00
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	<u>\$ (9,373,381.00)</u>
6. Less: Minimum Library Tax (Item 6(c), Sheet 11)	<u>\$ (1,140,016.00)</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)	\$ 18,305,584.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget was published in the March 24, 2025 edition of the Star Ledger, an official newspaper of the Township of Verona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held at a regular meeting of the governing body held on April 21, 2025 at 7 o'clock p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2025 was 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](http://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 2025 year.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

The 2025 Municipal Budget is approved unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. O'Sullivan states there are two presentations this evening. First, Peter TenKate from Boswell Engineering will present traffic control and pedestrian safety measures regarding Linden Avenue.

Public Comment on Linden Ave Safety Presentation:

Paul Mickiewicz, Chairperson, NTSAC

Mr. O’Sullivan states that Anthony Kurus of the Neglia Group is in attendance to present the design specifications for Everett Field. Construction is expected to start this summer into the fall season.

Mr. O’Sullivan reports on the Pool improvements. He is expecting a draft report analysis of the smoke testing. He reports that the collection system trunk lines in the backyard of a Derwent Avenue dwellings require immediate work focusing on the man hole located in the rear yard. He updates the status of the Fairview Avenue well and the Claridge Pump Station. Final design for the Lakeside Avenue parking lot reconstruction will be presented in the future. The repointing of Town Hall continues. Windows may be delivered by mid-May and the project completed by June.

Councilmember’s Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy states that the Verona Sustainable Green Team will hold an energy efficiency presentation tomorrow at the library. The Verona Park Conservancy will hold a clean-up event in Verona Park on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Roman has no report this evening.

Councilwoman McGrath reports that the Police Department, Multicultural Inclusion Accessibility Advisory Committee and C.H.I.L.D. recently rolled out the Blue Envelope program. She attended the Shade Tree Commission’s meeting. They are working on new plantings at the Civic Center.

Councilwoman Holland attended the ribbon cutting for the Linn Drive Well prior to tonight’s meeting. The Verona Municipal Alliance Committee will meet tomorrow. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee will meet next week and discuss the Recreation Department’s program fees. She expresses her condolences for the passing of Pope Francis.

Public Comment:

Paul Petrangeli, Verona, New Jersey  
Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey  
Lisa Loudon, Verona, New Jersey  
Christy DiBartolo, Verona, New Jersey

**ORDINANCE No. 2025-09**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A565-1, FEES, OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA BY AMENDING  
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE FEES**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance 2025-09 into the record.

Motion to move the ordinance is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro**

**NAYS:**

Ordinance 2025-09 is introduced by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 5, 2025.

Public Comment for Consent Agenda Items:

None.

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-082**

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

**DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS NOTE RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, TO BE ISSUED IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,900,000, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the “Local Unit”), intends to undertake the improvement or replacement of Claridge Drive Pump Station, and all work and costs ancillary and necessary therefor (collectively, the “Project”), and it is the desire of the Local Unit to obtain financing for such Project through participation in the New Jersey Water Bank of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the “I-Bank”);

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit has determined to temporarily finance the undertaking of the Project prior to the closing with respect to the New Jersey Water Bank, and to undertake such temporary financing with the proceeds of a short-term loan (or loans) to be made by the I-Bank (collectively the “Construction Loan”) to the Local Unit, pursuant to the Construction Financing Loan Program of the I-Bank (the “Construction Financing Loan Program”);

**WHEREAS**, in order to (i) evidence and secure the repayment obligation of the Local Unit to the I-Bank with respect to the Construction Loan and (ii) satisfy the requirements of the Construction Financing Loan Program, it is the desire of the Local Unit to issue and sell a short term note to the I-Bank in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1,900,000 (the “Note”);

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Note to the I-Bank pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the “Local Bond Law”), and other applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2024, the Local Unit adopted a bond ordinance to finance the Project (the “Local Unit Bond Ordinance”) pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law;

**WHEREAS**, Section 28 of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9 allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

**SECTION 1.** In accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law, the Infrastructure Trust Act and the Local Unit Bond Ordinance, the Local Unit hereby authorizes the issuance, sale and award of the Note in accordance with the provisions hereof. The obligation represented by the Note have been appropriated and authorized by the Local Unit Bond Ordinance, finally adopted by the Local Unit at a meeting duly called and held on May 20, 2024, at which time a quorum was present and acted throughout, all in accordance with the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

**SECTION 2.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the “Chief Financial Officer”) is hereby authorized to determine, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, (i) the final principal amount of the Note (subject to the maximum limitation set forth in Section 4(a) hereof), and (ii) the dated date of the Note.

**SECTION 3.** Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Note by the parties authorized pursuant to Section 4(h) hereof.

**SECTION 4.** The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Note shall be as follows:

- (a) the aggregate principal amount of the Note to be issued shall be an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000;
- (b) the maturity of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (c) the interest rate of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (d) the purchase price for the Note shall be par;
- (e) the Note shall be subject to prepayment prior to its stated maturity in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note;
- (f) the Note shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered “CFP-2025-1”, or other such denomination as may be requested by the I-Bank;
- (g) the Note shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owner thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
- (h) the Note shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Township Manager and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Municipal Clerk; and
- (i) the Note may be issued in one or more series as may be deemed necessary by the I-Bank.

**SECTION 5.** The Note shall be substantially in the form required by the I-Bank, together with such additions, deletions and other modifications required by the I-Bank and agreed to by the Local Unit upon consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit, such determinations being conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Note by the Authorized Officers (as defined herein).

**SECTION 6.** The law firm of McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Note, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank for the Construction Loan Financing Program, to arrange for same.

**SECTION 7.** The Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk (each an “Authorized Officer”) of the Local Unit are each hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Municipal Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the

corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit and after further consultation with the I-Bank and its representatives, agents, counsel and advisors, to be executed in connection with the issuance and sale of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program.

**SECTION 8.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**SECTION 9.** Upon the adoption hereof, the Municipal Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, David Zimmer, Executive Director of the I-Bank, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-083**

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

**APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.*, (also known as the *New Jersey Fair Housing Act*), proposed rules at *N.J.A.C 5:99-1 et seq.*, and *N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, et seq.*, the Township of Verona is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of Verona's Affordable Housing Program to enforce the requirements of *N.J.A.C. 5:99-1 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 5:80- 26.1, et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, Article XIX, Section 19.5.A, entitled "Establishment of Municipal Housing Liaison", of Chapter 150 of the Township's Code, provides for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer the Township of Verona’s Affordable Housing Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that Kevin O’Sullivan, Township Manager is hereby appointed by as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the Affordable Housing Program, pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 150, Article XIX of Verona’s Municipal Code.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-084**

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

**ADOPTING THE VERONA ANNEX OF THE ESSEX COUNTY  
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Township of Verona; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known

as the 2025 Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Township of Verona, from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption by the Township Council of the Township of Verona demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

**SECTION 1.** In accordance with (local rule for adopting resolutions), the Township Council of the Township of Verona adopts the 2025 Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan. While content related to the Township of Verona may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require this governing body to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-085**

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

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AND BANNON, RAWDING, MCDONALD &  
MASCERA, P.A.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists the need for professional legal services in conjunction with the Township’s interest related to the West Essex Highlands Development Application in West Orange and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township has received a proposal dated February 28, 2025 including the appeal and determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to accept the proposal submitted by Bannon, Rawding, McDonald & Mascera, P.A. (Gregory Mascera, Esq.) for services at an hourly rate of \$200.00.

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Township Manager and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Bannon, Rawding, McDonald & Mascera, P.A. (Gregory Mascera, Esq.) for legal services as set forth in a proposal dated February 28, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

**SECTION 2.** This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a

service performed by a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-086**

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

**ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF THE 2025 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$766.55 from the State of New Jersey for the 2025 National Opioid Settlement to help Verona with the abatement of the opioid epidemic across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s contribution toward the grant will be zero dollars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township of Verona is hereby authorized to accept for this grant in the amount of \$766.55.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager, Municipal Clerk and any other officer deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept this grant.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-087**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A SPECIAL ITEM  
OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (the “Director”) may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received \$766.55 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the National Opioid Settlement Grant and wishes to amend its CY2025 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2025 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$766.55 which is now available as revenue from:



Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:  
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of  
Local Government Services –  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
National Opioid Settlement Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2025 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$766.55 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(A) Operations - Excluded from “CAPS”  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
National Opioid Settlement Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-088**

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

**ACCEPTING THE 2025 SUSTAINABLE JERSEY-PSE&G ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$5,000 from the 2025 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program help increase energy efficiency for residents, businesses, and municipal facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona will provide staff support for all activities related to the Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program pursuant to the application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township of Verona is hereby authorized to accept for this grant in the amount of \$5,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager, Municipal Clerk and any other officer deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept this grant.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-089**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A SPECIAL ITEM  
OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY PSE&G PROGRAM  
GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (the “Director”) may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received \$5,000 from the State of New Jersey in the form of a Sustainable Jersey & PSE&G Program Grant and wishes to amend its CY2025 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2025 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$5,000 which is now available as revenue from:

- Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:
- Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services –
- Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
- Sustainable Jersey & PSE&G Program Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2025 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$5,000 appropriated under the caption of:

- General Appropriations:
- (A) Operations - Excluded from “CAPS”
- Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
- National Opioid Settlement Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-090**

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

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
COUGAR AQUATIC SWIM TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona wishes to enter into an agreement with the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team to provide for use of the Verona Community Pool facilities to conduct their summer practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team shall have the right to enter upon and use the Pool for practice sessions during the term commencing Monday, June 23, 2025 and ceasing on Friday, July 25, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team may use the Pool facility Monday to Friday, 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team agrees to keep and maintain a daily log of all personnel who appear on the grounds and/or around the Pool areas under the terms of this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona shall be paid directly by the Cougars for the use of the Community Pool facilities and staff in the sum of \$13,000.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township Manager and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement with the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team for use of the pool facility, a copy of which is attached hereto and which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-091**

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

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-48 ENTITLED APPROVING VERONA  
COMMUNITY POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR THE 2025 POOL SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Verona unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2025-48 at a regular meeting held on February 3, 2025 and;

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Community Services has requested an amendment be made to the Pool Rules for the 2025 Pool Season.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New amend the following for the 2025 Verona Community Pool season (**additions** in bold, ~~strike-outs~~ to be eliminated):

Hours and Closures

46. Family Nights are on Tuesdays from ~~4pm to 8pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day.~~ **3pm-8pm** *once the pool is open full-time. Any Verona resident may enter the pool grounds for \$10 per person and must show photo identification with proof of Verona address to enter.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Council of the Township of Verona hereby approves the amendment to the 2025 Community Pool Season rules and authorize the Director of Community Services to establish and enforce these rules as deemed necessary.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-092**

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

**ACCEPTING DONATION FROM THE KENNY BROWN MEMORIAL FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Kenneth Brown grew up in Verona and participated in many sports including football, basketball, and baseball; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth was known for his athletic ability including homerun streaks in baseball, where he played at Everett Field, and earned the nickname "Downtown Kenny Brown"; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth also excelled academically during his time in the Verona School System where he was a straight-A student and was inducted into the National Honor Society as well as being president of his class for five years and the president of the Verona High School Student Body his senior year; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Verona High School Kenneth attended Georgetown University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Government with a concentration in Public Administration and served as an award-winning manager of the Georgetown Hoya’s Basketball program from 1985 – 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth Brown passed away on March 12, 2025 and members of his Verona High School Class founded the Kenny Brown Memorial Fund with the purpose of fundraising to purchase a memorial bench that would be donated to the Township of Verona and placed by the Township Administration at an appropriate location to recognize Kenneth’s achievements both on and off the field and to inspire all young athletes to pursue their dreams; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kenneth Brown Memorial Fund members wish to install a metal placard dedicated in the memory of Kenny Brown on the donated bench; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administration intends to place the bench at Everett Field; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Verona wishes to authorize the Township Administration to accept the donation of the Kenneth Brown Memorial Bench; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29, municipalities are authorized to accept donations accept bequests, legacies and gifts made to it and is empowered to utilize such bequests, legacies and gifts in the manner set forth in the conditions of the bequest, legacy or gift, and the bench is being donated to the Township without the expectation of remuneration and the Township shall maintain the bench and retains the right to remove or move the bench at any time for any reason.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona hereby approves and accepts the donation of the Kenneth Brown Memorial Bench.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Township appreciates this generous donation from the Kenny Brown Memorial Fund and recognizes Kenneth Brown’s contributions and the impact he had on so many people.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-093**

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

**DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Manager has advised the Township Council that there is obsolete equipment that is no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(7) authorizes the disposition of personal property not needed for public use as part of a purchase to offset the price of the new purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Township to dispose of said equipment

- 1) Two (2) Endress +Hauser free chlorine and pH analytical systems
- 2) Thirty-Three (33) Dell Precision T1650 Computer Workstations
- 3) Six (6) Dell Precision 3420 Computer Workstations
- 4) Two (2) Dell Optiplex 3030 Computer AIO Workstations

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the obsolete equipment referenced by the Township Manager which is no longer needed for public use by the Township shall be disposed of according to the manner as prescribed by law.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

## **RESOLUTION No. 2025-094**

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

### **SUPPORTING REVOLUTION-NJ**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State, and County and Township; and

**WHEREAS**, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of Verona hereby endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

1. The Township Council commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.
2. The Township Council authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. The Township Council further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-095**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman Holland 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 exist.

**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. Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (5)*
2. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

New Business:

The Council has a discussion about an ordinance to establish attendance requirements on Township Committees and Commissions. The ordinance will be on the next meeting agenda for Introduction.

The Township Council makes the following appointment:

- |                   |               | <b>Unexpired Term Ending</b> |
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| 1. VMAC           |               |                              |
| a. Verena Mikhael | Public Member | 12/31/2025                   |

Public Comment:

Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey  
Sean DiBartolo, Verona, New Jersey

Council goes into Executive Session at 9:06 p.m. and returns to the Public Session at 9:38 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Mayor Tamburro at 9:12 p.m. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next meeting is May 5, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

  
Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: May 5, 2025