Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, June 23, 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, 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 reports that he attended the opening of Rose on Bloom salon. He also attended the Juneteenth flag raising and thanks Bill Brown, Vice President of the NAACP of the Oranges. He addresses one item on social media accusing the Township of removing the American flag to hang the Juneteenth flag which is completely untrue. He congratulates the VHS graduating class, which was a particularly great class that really stood out.

Essex County Liaison, Julius Coltre, reports on the County's Summer Music Festival dates in Branch Brook Park on July 1 and Brookdale Park on July 2.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan reports on the status of the primary clarifier pump station improvements. Bids were received for the Fairview Well remediation. Bids will be received on June 27 for Everett Field improvements.

Mr. O'Sullivan invites Dan Hauben from DMR Architects, the Township's Affordable Housing Planner to give a presentation on the 4th round affordable housing element and fair share plan adopted by the Planning Board at their June 19 meeting.

Mr. O'Sullivan then reports that Frank Messineo, from Solutions Architecture is going to give a presentation on the proposed Public Safety Building concept plan. Afterwards there is Council discussion on the project.

Council discusses the affordable housing 4th round. Jaime Placek, from DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLC, Affordable Housing Attorney for the Township, responds to Council questions and explains two resolutions on tonight's agenda to endorse the Planning Boards approval of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and to adopt a resolution of their intent to fund 4th Round Affordable Housing obligations, a resolution that is mandated by the State to be submitted by June 30, 2025.

Motion to move items L-1 and L-2 up from the agenda is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy. Vote: 5 ayes.

The mayor calls for public comment on resolutions L-1 and L-2.

Michele Gruet, Verona, New Jersey

Councilwoman McGrath reads a statement regarding the Affordable Housing processes taken by the governing body.

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

ENDORSING THE VERONA PLANNING BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

WHEREAS, the State Legislature of the State of New Jersey passed and, on March 18, 2024, Governor Phil Murphy signed, a Bill commonly known as A4/S50 or P.L. 2024, c.2, hereinafter referred to as the 4th Round Rules; and

WHEREAS, the 4th Round rules abolished the Council on Affordable Housing, also known as COAH, and delegated its responsibilities to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("DCA"), the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, and the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "**Program**"), ordered to be formed by the same law; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2025, the Verona Township Council (the Township Council") adopted Resolution 2025-25 (the "Binding Resolution"), proposing to establish the Township's Fourth Round Present and Prospective Need obligations pursuant to the amended Fair Housing Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:27D-301 <u>et seq</u>. (the "Amended Act"); and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025, the Township filed the necessary complaint, with the Resolution annexed thereto as Exhibit A, with the Superior Court of New Jersey initiating a declaratory judgment action bearing Docket No. ESX-L-594-25 (the "DJ Action") before the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "**Program**"), established pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:27D-313.2 of the Amended Act, in accordance with the requirements of the Amended Act, and the timeframes set forth in Directive #14-24 issued December 13, 2024 by the Administrative Office of the Courts (the "**Directive**"); and

WHEREAS, the filing of the DJ Action, in accordance with the Act and the Directive, gave the Township immunity from exclusionary zoning ("**Builders Remedy**") lawsuits, which immunity continues to be in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Verona Township Council (the "Township Council") entered into a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") with Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") determining a Fourth Round Present Need obligation for the Township of 0 units and a Fourth Round Prospective Need obligation for the Township of 155 units (the "Settlement"); and

WHEREAS, the Prospective Need obligation represents the need for newly constructed or preserved affordable housing units projected over the next 10 years, calculated for "regions" consisting of three to four counties and allocated to each municipality based upon factors that consider their available vacant land, median household income, and growth in equalized assessed non-residential property value relative to their region; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona (the "**Township**") is located in Region 2, identified in the 4th Round rules as consisting of all municipalities in Essex, Union, Morris, and Warren Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Present Need obligation represents the need for rehabilitation of substandard homes in the municipality, occupied by low- and moderate-income households, based upon publicly available local estimates of housing that lacks adequate plumbing or kitchens, is overcrowded, is more than 50 years old, and is likely to be occupied by low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, both the assigned Program Member, the Honorable Julio L. Mendz, J.S.C. (Ret.), and the appointed Special Adjudicator, Elizabeth McManus, recommended the acceptance of the Settlement, and by Order filed April 7, 2025 (the "Order"), Essex County Vicinage Designated Mt. Laurel Judge, the Honorable Aldo J. Russo, J.S.C., accepted and adopted the Report and Recommendations for approval of the Settlement submitted by the Program Member, fixing the Township's Fourth Round Present Need obligation at 0 units and Fourth Round Prospective Need obligation of 155 units, consistent with the Settlement terms; and

WHEREAS, the Order, echoing the Amended Act, establishes that the Township must adopt a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, not later than June 30, 2025, that presents a strategy for satisfying the obligations outlined in the Order and Settlement over the next 10 years, in order to preserve immunity from Builders Remedy lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Settlement Agreement and the Order, the Township's Affordable Housing Planning Consultant, Dan Hauben, PP, AICP, of DMR Architects, (the "Township Affordable Housing Planner") prepared a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, dated June 9, 2025, which is on file with the Township's Municipal Clerk which addresses the Township's Present Need and Prospective Need Obligations for the Fourth Round ("HEFSP"); and

WHEREAS, the HEFSP includes a Fourth Round spending plan component (the "Fourth Round Spending Plan"), pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:27D-329.2 of the Amended Act, and the Directive, which projects anticipated revenues to the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and describes estimated expenditures of funds to address its fair share obligation as set forth in the HEFSP and which specifically establishes that the expenditure of funds contemplated in the Fourth Round Spending Plan constitute a 'commitment' for expenditure pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:27D-329.2(d) of the Amended Act, with the four-year time period beginning to run with the date of collection of the funds as extended by virtue of the date of the Superior Court's approval of this HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2025, the Planning Board of the Township (the "Planning Board"), after providing notice in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law, specifically <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-13, held a public hearing at a Special Meeting to review and consider for adoption the HEFSP prepared by the Township Affordable Housing Planner, addressing the Township's Fourth Round affordable housing obligations, including the Fourth Round Present Need and Prospective Need obligations as established by the Order and, by Resolution 2025-10 adopted June 19, 2025, the Planning Board approved and adopted the HEFSP, finding that the HEFSP is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Township's current Master Plan and that adoption of the HEFSP is in the best interest of the Township; and

WHEREAS, a true and correct copy of the HEFSP, including the Fourth Round Spending Plan component, is annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, a true and correct copy of Planning Board Resolution 2025-10 adopting the HEFSP is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.

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 Township Council hereby adopts the Fourth Round Spending Plan component of the HEFSP.
- 2. The Township Council hereby endorses the HEFSP as adopted by the Planning Board on June 19, 2025 by Resolution 2025-10.
- 3. The Township's professionals are directed to continue to take all actions deemed necessary to continue participating in the Program.
- 4. The Township reserves the right to further amend the HEFSP should that be necessary.

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

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

INTENT TO FUND THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA'S FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2025, Planning Board of the Township (the "Planning Board"), after providing notice in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law, specifically <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-13, held a public hearing at a Special Meeting to review and consider for adoption the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") prepared by the Township Affordable Housing Planner, addressing the Township's Fourth Round affordable housing obligations, including the Fourth Round Present Need and Prospective Need obligations as established by the Order and, by Resolution 2025-10 adopted June 19, 2025, the Planning Board approved and adopted the HEFSP, finding that the HEFSP is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Township's current Master Plan and that adoption of the HEFSP is in the best interest of the Township; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2025-127 adopted June 23, 2025, the Township Council endorsed the HEFSP and directed the Township's professionals to continue taking the actions deemed necessary to continue the Township's participation in the Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Amended Act, the Program, and related affordable housing regulations and policies, in order to assure the creditworthiness of the various compliance techniques included in its HEFSP, the Township must demonstrate adequate and stable funding sources; and

WHEREAS, Appendix 1 of the HEFSP includes a required Spending Plan, which projects revenues to be deposited into and expenditures to be withdrawn from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund through June 30, 2035 in order to implement the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and to comply with all statutes and regulations relating to the collection, management, and expenditure of funds for affordable housing purposes; and

WHEREAS, since the Township is committed to securing judicial approval of its HEFSP, in order to provide an adequate and stable funding source for the components of the HEFSP, the Township shall rely on the funds in its Affordable Housing Trust Fund, established by the Township's Development Fee Ordinance, Township Municipal Code §150-21.1 <u>et seq</u>.; and

WHEREAS, if, after the Township has exhausted every potential funding source and every valid compliance technique, the Township remains unable to secure sufficient funding to completely satisfy its affordable housing obligations without being forced to raise or expend municipal revenues in order to provide low- and moderate-income housing, the Township will cover such costs through bonding and/or other legal means; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to leave no question as to the Township's intent to cover the cost of implementing its HEFSP or any modification thereof that may be necessary.

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

1. In order to provide adequate and stable funding for its Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, the Township of Verona shall maximize use of its funds from its Affordable Housing Trust Fund to facilitate the economic feasibility of the compliance techniques set forth in the Township's Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

2. If, after exhausting every potential funding source available and its Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Township remains unable to secure sufficient financing to completely satisfy its affordable housing obligations pursuant to the HEFSP within the timeframes established by the Amended Act, the Township will fully fund, by way of municipal bonding, any gaps in financing to assure the economic feasibility of the affordable compliance techniques included in the Township's Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

3. The Township reserves the right to recoup any subsidy provided through future

collections of development fees as such funds become available.

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

There is continued discussion among the council.

Councilmember's Reports:

Mayor Tamburro asks if there are any objections to waive councilmember's reports this evening. There are no objections.

Public Comment:

Paul Petrangeli, Verona, New Jersey Carol Thomas, Verona, New Jersey Bobby Maguire, Verona, New Jersey

ORDINANCE No. 2025-10

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$9,906,500 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A \$332,656 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT, A \$750,000 JAKE'S LAW GRANT, A \$100,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND A \$318,712 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,675,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance 2025-10 into the record.

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

Public Hearing:

None

Mayor Tamburro states that the administration has brought forth an amendment to ordinance 2025-10. He asks for a motion to amend ordinance 2025-10. Motion made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Mayor Tamburro.

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

The amended ordinance will be numbered 2025-10A. It will be published according to law and a public meeting held on July 7, 2025.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-11

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES FOR THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$902,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance 2025-11 into the record.

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

Public Hearing:

None

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

Ordinance 2025-11 is adopted by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-12

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance 2025-12 into the record.

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

Public Hearing:

None

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

Ordinance 2025-12 is adopted by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-13

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$27,500.00 FROM POOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance 2025-13 into the record.

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

Public Hearing:

None

Councilwoman Holland makes a statement on the Pool Utility and remarks that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee agrees with the need for improvements at the pool and is also concerned about the financing of the pool.

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

Ordinance 2025-13 is adopted by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-14

WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$132,200 FROM WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance 2025-14 into the record.

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

Public Hearing:

None

Councilwoman Holland comments that she is very happy with the process in updating the Water/Sewer Utility, an issue she ran on and advocated throughout multiple administrations.

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

Ordinance 2025-14 is adopted by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law.

Item K-2, the June 9, 2025 meeting minutes are pulled at the request of the Municipal Clerk.

Public Comment for Consent Agenda Items:

None.

RESOLUTION No. 2025-129

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

AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH VERONA SUNSET URBAN RENEWAL, LLC CONCERNING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 303, LOT 4 ON THE TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2019-140 adopted on August 19, 2019, the Township Council of the Township of Verona (the "Township Council") designated Block 303, Lot 4, commonly known as 1 Sunset Avenue, as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment (the "Redevelopment Area") in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* (the "Redevelopment Law"); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Township of Verona (the "Township") and Spectrum 360, LLC (the owner of the school located on the Redevelopment Area and an affiliate of Redeveloper) entered into that certain First Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") with respect to Spectrum 360, LLC's intervention in the matter entitled In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Verona, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, Docket No. ESX-L-4773-15; and

WHEREAS, by the adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-01 on March 8, 2021, the Township Council duly adopted a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area entitled, "The Sunset Avenue Redevelopment Area Redevelopment Plan", which was thereafter amended by the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-14 on June 21, 2021 (as the same may be further amended and supplemented from time to time, the "**Redevelopment Plan**"); and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper is the contract purchaser of the Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Redeveloper have entered into that certain redevelopment agreement dated February 3, 2022, (the "**Redevelopment Agreement**"), which was authorized by the Township Council on December 20, 2021 by Resolution 2021-176; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper has proposed to undertake the following actions, in accordance with the terms of the Redevelopment Agreement, the Redevelopment Plan and the Settlement Agreement, design, develop, finance, construct, operate and maintain: (i) a multi-family rental housing development including one, residential building of no more than four stories including parking, containing one hundred eighty-five (185) market-rate multi-family residential units (all of which shall be either one-bedroom or two-bedroom units); (ii) fifteen (15) multifamily residential units affordable to very low, low and moderate income households

located within the same building as the market-rate units; (iii) associated parking, including electric vehicle charging stations as required by the Redevelopment Plan; (iv) associated amenities for the residential units; and (v) all necessary infrastructure improvements, (collectively, the "**Project**"); and

WHEREAS, the Township and Redeveloper wish to amend the Redevelopment Agreement to revise the project timeline (the "**First Amendment**"), attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona as follows:

1. The preamble to this Resolution is hereby incorporated as if more fully set forth herein.

2. The Township Manager and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the First Amendment, in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, with such changes, omissions or amendments as the Township Manager deems appropriate in consultation with the Township's redevelopment counsel, planning consultant and other professionals.

3. If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-130

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BENECARD SERVICES, LLC FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE COVERAGE

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the placement of Prescription Coverages for employees for the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19-44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the value of said services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that Benecard Services, LLC, 1200 Route 46 West, Clifton, New Jersey 07103 be awarded a contract to provide prescription coverage for Township employees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Benecard Services, LLC will be awarded of contract but contingent upon Benecard completing and returning the appropriate purchasing documents including pay-to-play forms for providing prescription services not to exceed \$415,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the receipt of the appropriate purchasing documents, this contract will be 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 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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-131

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DNS MEDIA GROUP, LLC.

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona broadcasts it's VTV public access on Comcast channel 35 and Verizon FIOS channel 24; and

WHEREAS, VTV requires station management, consultation and support to run effectively and efficiently including station programming, maintain content for the station bulletin board system and maintain the station's equipment, update all servers and bulletin board systems as needed; and

WHEREAS, such services are provided by DNS Media Group, LLC. and therefore requires as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, DNS Media Group, LLC, 186 Springbrook Trail, Sparta, New Jersey 07871 will continue to provide services at a cost not-to-exceed \$28,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, services provided by DNS Media Group, LLC shall be charged to budget account 5-05-55-502-334; and

WHEREAS, DNS Media Group, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that DNS Media Group, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Verona in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit DNS Media Group, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, that a contract be awarded to DNS Media Group, LLC, pending certification of available funds by the CFO subject to the following:

- 1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms to be drafted and approved by the Township Attorney.
- 2. The contract and any contract amendments which may become necessary shall be subject to the Township's ability to appropriate sufficient funds, which appropriation shall be at the sole discretion of the Township Council.
- 3. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
- 4. The Township is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.
- 5. The Township Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement as outlined herein with DNS Media Group, LLC, 186 Springbrook Trail, Sparta, NJ 07871.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH LGE EVENT PRODUCTIONS, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona holds summer concerts in the Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, services are provided by LGE Event Productions, LLC and therefore requires as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, LGE Event Productions, LLC will provide services at a cost not-to-exceed \$21,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, services provided by LGE Event Productions, LLC shall be charged to budget accounts 5-001-28-370-204 and 5-45-55-502-3565; and

WHEREAS, LGE Event Productions, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that LGE Event Productions, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Verona in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit LGE Event Productions, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, that a contract be awarded to LGE Event Productions, LLC, and certification of available funds has been determined by the CFO and subject to the following:

- 1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms to be drafted and approved by the Township Attorney.
- 2. The contract and any contract amendments which may become necessary shall be subject to the Township's ability to appropriate sufficient funds, which appropriation shall be at the sole discretion of the Township Council.
- 3. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
- 4. The Township is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.
- 5. The Township Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement as outlined herein with LGE Event Productions, LLC, 793 Morton Street, East Rutherford, New Jersey 070073.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-133

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MIDLANTIC SUPPLY LLC

WHEREAS, there exists a need for various parts for the water system supply, hydrant supply and parts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19-44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the value of said services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the QPA has recommended that Midlantic Supply, LLC, 58 Pickwick Drive, Marlton, NJ 08053 be awarded a contract to provide said services to the Township.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Midlantic Supply, LLC will be awarded of contract for providing parts for the water system not to exceed \$44,000 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the receipt of the appropriate purchasing documents, this contract will be 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 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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-134

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH STARFIRE CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services' Division of Recreation annually schedules the Township's fireworks display for the Fourth of July celebration; and

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

WHEREAS, expenditures not to exceed \$19,000.00 shall be charged to Budget Account No. 5-01-28-374-224 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 of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to Starfire Corporation 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 Starfire Corporation 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 Starfire Corporation, 566 Theatre Road, PO Box 179, St. Benedict, PA 15773 is hereby awarded a contract for providing fireworks display services not to exceed \$19,000 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro NAYS:

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH USA FIT FOR LIFE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services' Division of Recreation annually schedules senior fitness and yoga classes; and

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

WHEREAS, USA Fit for Life, LLC will provide services at a cost not-to-exceed \$20,000.00 and shall be charged to budget accounts 5-001-28-370-216; and

WHEREAS, USA Fit for Life, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that USA Fit for Life, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Verona in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit USA Fit for Life, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, that a contract be awarded to USA Fit for Life, LLC, and certification of available funds has been determined by the CFO and subject to the following:

- 1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms to be drafted and approved by the Township Attorney.
- 2. The contract and any contract amendments which may become necessary shall be subject to the Township's ability to appropriate sufficient funds, which appropriation shall be at the sole discretion of the Township Council.
- 3. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
- 4. The Township is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.
- 5. The Township Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement as outlined herein with USA Fit for Life, LLC, 45 Castle Ridge Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936.

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

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

ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR AGE-INCLUSION INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$70,000 from the State of New Jersey for the Age-Inclusion Grant from the NJ Department of Human Services for Age-Inclusion Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Township's contribution toward the grant will be \$70,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township of Verona is hereby authorized to accept for this grant in the amount of \$70,000.

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. 2025-137

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Tamburro 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 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AGE INCLUSION 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 \$ 70,000 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the NJ Department of Human Services 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 \$70,000 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: NJ DHS Age Inclusion 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 \$70,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations: (A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: NJ DHS Age Inclusion 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. 2025-138

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

ACCEPTING THE STAFFING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT THROUGH THE 2025 SUSTAINABLE JERSEY-PSE&G ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has been awarded a Staffing and Community Engagement grant in the sum of \$10,000 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 \$10,000.

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:

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Tamburro 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 A STAFFING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT THROUGH THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY PSE&G ENERGY EFFICIENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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 \$10,000 from the State of New Jersey in the form of a Staffing & Community Engagement grant through the Sustainable Jersey & PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program 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 \$10,000 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 Energy Efficiency Partnership 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 \$10,000 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. 2025-140

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Tamburro 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 \$2,831.01 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 \$2,831.01.

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. 2025-141

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Tamburro 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 \$2,831.01 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 \$2,831.01 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 \$2,831.01 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. 2025-142

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Tamburro 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 2025 FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY 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 \$7,000 from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway and Traffic Safety Distracted Driving Program and wishes to amend its CY2024 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 \$7,000 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: Distracted Driving 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 \$7,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations: (A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: Distracted Driving 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. 2025-143

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

AUTHORIZING THE VERONA TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L 1994, C.72

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has not certified Municipal County Budgets as of this date, and

WHEREAS, as a result thereof, the Essex County Board of Taxation is unable to verify Verona's tax rate and the Verona Township Collector will be unable to mail the Township's 2025 tax bills on a timely basis;

WHEREAS, the Verona Township Tax Collector has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A 54:4-66.3, and has signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey on this 23rd day of June 2025 as follows:

- 1. The Verona Township Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township for the third installment of 2025 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by L.1994, C. 72(N.J.S.A 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3).
- 2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2025 is hereby set at \$76,061,818.25.
- 3. The Estimated tax rate (based on estimated levy) is hereby set at \$3.165.
- 4. In accordance with law, the third installment of 2025 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-144

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

APPROVAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

WHEREAS, the submitted renewal application forms are complete in all respects and the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by *N.J.S.A.* 33 and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the following licensees have obtained a Tax Clearance Certificate from the New Jersey Division of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the following applications for renewal

of Plenary Retail Distribution License be granted, effective July 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to sign and issue said license certificates to the following applicants:

0720-44-010-009	Ami & Tithi LLC, dba KRAUSER'S LIQUOR LOCKER 645 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-44-001-003	Hinaxi, LLC, dba VERONA WINE CELLAR 360 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-44-003-005	Vallabh Krupa Inc., dba PILGRIM LIQUORS 283 Pompton Avenue Verona, New Jersey

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-145

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

APPROVAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

WHEREAS, the submitted renewal application forms are complete in all respects and the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by *N.J.S.A.* 33 and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the following licensees have obtained a Tax Clearance Certificate from the New Jersey Division of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the following applications for renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License be granted, effective July 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and issue said license certificates to the following applicants:

0720-33-007-008	470 Bloomfield Avenue Inc., dba AVENUE BISTRO 558 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-33-006-015	Jimmy's Restaurant LLC, dba JIMMY'S FAMILY KITCHEN 125 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-33-008-005	RJV Corporation, dba RICHFIELD REGENCY 420 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-33-011-010	Verona Liquor License LLC, dba VERONA INN 624 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-33-004-012	Watchung Saints, LLC dba THE PARKSIDE SOCIAL

700-706 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-146

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Tamburro 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:

Public Comment:

None

None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn is made by Mayor Tamburro; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy at 10:00 p.m. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next meeting is July 7, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhan Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: July 7, 2025