

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, July 7, 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:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy, 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. Councilman Roman is attending virtually on Zoom. Mayor Tamburro is not present.

Deputy Mayor's Report:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy begins by recognizing two longtime Verona residents that passed this week (Judy Luzzi and Paul Grimes) and thanks their families for their service to Verona and all they've done while offering his condolences. He then thanks the Verona Unico Organization for the plaque honoring Verona resident Jed Grath at the Verona Community Pool. He attended the swearing-in ceremony for two Verona Police Officers and congratulates them on their promotions. This past Sunday, the Verona Chamber of Commerce partnered with the town of Verona and had a wellness fair at the Community Center and the Deputy Mayor thanks all parties involved in the fireworks display last Wednesday. He concludes by wishing everyone a very happy Fourth of July.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan provides a quick update on some of the ongoing projects, including the UV disinfection system, the microscreen projects, Fairview Avenue well, the Claridge Drive Pump Station project and various road projects. The community energy plan, various facility projects and the Town Hall windows project continues to move forward.

1. Presentation of Various Projects– Peter Ten Kate, P.E., of Boswell Engineering gives an update presentation on the various ongoing projects such as the Lakeside Avenue Lot, Peckman River Stabilization and Smoke Testing results.

Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus discusses various ongoing projects including the windows replacement project, the traffic flow changes at the Community Center and the open services job post applications.

Councilmember's Reports:

Councilman Roman has no report this evening.

Councilwoman McGrath mentions the great events she was unable to attend. The Multicultural Inclusion Accessibility Advisory Committee is planning an event for Disability Pride Month, The Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee will meet tomorrow The Shade Tree Committee will be meeting on Monday.

Councilwoman Holland was able to attend and enjoyed the pool dedication and the Verona fireworks display and thanks all parties involved in the planning and executing. She concludes by urging everyone to continue to think about safety during the summer months and expresses her deepest condolences for all those suffering in Texas due to the flash floods.

Public Comment:

None.

Hearing, Adoption or Amendment of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE No. 2025-10-A

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$10,031,500 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 \$9,793,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

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

Public Hearing:

None

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

Ordinance 2025-10A is adopted by a vote of 4-0. It will be published according to law.

Public Comment for Consent Agenda Items:

None.

Minutes from the June 9, 2025 and June 23, 2025 meetings are unanimously approved.

Resolutions 147 and 148 were unintentionally skipped

RESOLUTION No. 2025-149

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

ENABLING RESOLUTION FOR THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTAL TO THE STATE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION PURSUANT TO 2023 NJ REVISED STATUTES, TITLE 13, § 13:8C-53A, FOR OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$1,900,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

#0720-21-001 Verona Open Space Acquisition

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that:

1. The Township Manager of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as 0720-21-001 Verona Open Space Acquisition, and;

2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$5,450,000, and;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-150

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

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH
BOSWELL ENGINEERING**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need for the engineering services, associated for the 2025 Local Aid Project of Improvements to Dodd Terrace, Afterglow Way and Summit Road, and seeks to award an engineer contract as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering, Inc., with offices at 330 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey (hereinafter "Boswell") has submitted a proposal indicating the ability to perform said services at a cost not-to-exceed \$89,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, Boswell has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Boswell Engineering has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Verona in the previous one year, and the contract will prohibit Boswell 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 is awarded to Boswell Engineering for engineering services in an amount not-to-exceed \$89,000.00 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 Clerk is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-151

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman that

the following resolution be adopted:

**APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT No. 2024-14 – PICKLE
BALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2024-229 awarded Contract 2024-14 – Pickle Ball Court Improvements to Dakota Excavating Contractors, Saddle River, New Jersey in the base bid amount of \$442,565; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received Contract Change No. 1 for installation of wood mulch and river-rock in the amount of +\$3,975.00; and

WHEREAS, Contract Change No. 1 is in the best interests of the Township of Verona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Contract Change No. 1 be approved for a final contract amount of \$446,540.00, a +0.90% change, be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, the Township Clerk and any other officer as may be deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute Contract Change No. 1 for Contract No. 2024-14 on behalf of the Township.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-152

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

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH
D&R VERONA URBAN RENEWAL, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona executed a Redevelopment Agreement with D&R Verona Urban Renewal, LLC on March 29, 2017 for construction of 2 residential buildings consisting of 112 units (the “Annin Loft Project”) shown as Block 201, Lot 15.01 on the tax maps of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Annin Lofts Project has been completed in accordance with both of the Development Agreements and the “Redevelopment Plan for The Annin Neighborhood Redevelop Plan for Block 201, Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 52, 141-163 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, Essex County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, all permits, licenses and approvals that are required in order to Redeveloper to complete the Project have, to the extent required, issued and remain in full force and effect.

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 a Certificate of Completion with D&R Verona Urban Renewal, LLC, 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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-153

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

**AWARDING CONTRACT No. 2025-04
IMPROVEMENTS TO EVERETT FIELD**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona received bids for Improvements to Everett Field – Contract No. 2025-04 on June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, fifteen (15) bids were received for Contract 2025-04; and

WHEREAS, Gallen Contracting, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the Base Bid Amount of \$3,874,065.50; and

WHEREAS, the Consulting Engineer has reviewed and recommends the Contract award be made to Gallen Contracting, Inc. 11 Birch Street, 1st Floor, Midland Park, NJ 07432, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the contract for Contract No. 2025-04 be awarded to Gallen Construction, Inc. in the total amount of \$3,874,065.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED \$3,874,065.50 shall be charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(v) or any account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee and shall be charged against and the availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-154

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

**ACCEPTING A HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT FROM THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$250,000 from the State of New Jersey from the NJ Department of Human Services.

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 \$250,000.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-155

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman 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 NJ DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES INCLUSIVE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES 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 \$250,000 from the State of New Jersey’s Department of Human Services in the form of an Inclusive Healthy Communities 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 \$250,000 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 Healthy Communities 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 \$250,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from “CAPS”
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
NJ DHS Healthy Communities

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
NAYS:
ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-156

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

**AWARDING CONTRACT No. 2024-11
BLOOMFIELD AVENUE STREETSCAPE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona received bids for RFP No. 2024-11, “Bloomfield Avenue Streetscape” on September 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, six (6) bids were received for RFP No. 2024-11; and

WHEREAS, Strans Engineering, 70 East Sunrise Highway, Valley Stream, New York was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the Base Bid Amount of \$175,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed and recommends the Contract award be made to Strans Engineering, as the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the contract for RFP No. 2024-11 be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Strans Engineering, 70 East Sunrise Highway, Valley Stream, New York in the total amount of \$175,000.00.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-157

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SOLUTIONS ARCHITECTURE FOR
TOWNSHIP FACILITIES AUDIT**

WHEREAS, the Township desires a Township Facilities audit; 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, Solutions Architecture, 96 Pompton Avenue, Verona, NJ provides said services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this audit shall not exceed the total amount of \$50,000.00 and shall be charged to an account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to Solutions Architecture for an audit of Township Facilities:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The services requested shall not exceed \$50,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
4. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-158

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to retain a contractor for lead paint abatement; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to acquire such services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5; and

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

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to budget line 5-01-26-310-130 or any 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.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Green Guard Mold LLC, 1233 East 77th Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11234 is hereby awarded a contract for plumbing services within the Township for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-159

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO PREMIRE GROUNDWORK SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to remove, repair or replace concrete sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

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

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to budget line c-53-46-040-036/5-05-55-502-334 or any 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.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Premier Groundwork Solutions, 92 Monroe Street, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009 is hereby awarded a contract for plumbing services within the Township for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-160

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PLUMBING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to retain a New Jersey Licensed Plumbing Services Provider; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

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

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged any 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.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Verona Heating & Cooling Services is hereby awarded a contract for plumbing services within the Township for an amount not to exceed \$44,000.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-161

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

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 authorizes local contracting units to enter into Nation Cooperative purchasing agreements; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona desires to become a member of The Interlocal Purchasing System ("TIPS Purchasing Cooperative") effective upon the execution of the applicable agreement, in order for the Township to receive the most cost-effective method of procurement; and,

WHEREAS, such membership shall renew annually after the effective date, unless the Township of Verona elects to formally withdraw from the system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex in the State of New Jersey authorizes the Township to participate in the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative and authorizes the execution of a Cooperative Pricing Agreement upon its approval by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to take actions necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-162

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman 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 outdated workstation towers:

Inventory Number:	
239	284
253	289
267	315
268	419
279	420
281	426
282	620
	621

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
NAYS:
ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-163

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SOLUTIONS ARCHITECTURE FOR THE DESIGN & BID DOCUMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF. TOWER FAÇADE AND ANNEX IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, there is a need for updates to the Community Center building, cell tower façade and the Annex building at 880 Bloomfield Avenue; and

WHEREAS, design and bid specifications are needed in order to proceed with the project; 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, Solutions Architecture, 96 Pompton Avenue, Verona, NJ provides said services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this audit shall not exceed the total amount not to exceed \$130,000 and shall be charged to an account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to Solutions Architecture for the design and bid specifications for said project:

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.

7. The services requested shall not exceed \$130,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
8. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2025-164

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

PERMITTING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists.

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

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

1. 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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Tamburro

New Business:

Councilwoman Holland states the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee are interested in hearing back from the Council on their recommendations. She requests clarity of the expectation of the August 13th Special Meeting that will include members of the Fire Department and the PBA Public Safety Building Committee and suggests a public comment period run through mid-September as she is concerned that a mid-August meeting will be poorly attended.

Public Comment:

None.


Council enters into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. and returns to Public Session at 9:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

Vote: 5 ayes. The next meeting is July 7, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: July 21, 2025