Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, July 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, Councilwoman McGrath, Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan, Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus, Township Attorney Brian Aloia, and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are present. Councilwoman Holland is not present.

#### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tamburro reports that he had the pleasure of welcoming the family of former Verona resident Lieutenant Robert Wilson to receive a street sign in his honor. The mayor concludes by thanking Deputy Mayor McEvoy for covering and presiding for him in his absence in the previous meeting.

Essex County Liaison, Julius Coltre, reports on Friday's paving of the intersections, the mayor's meeting next Wednesday, a ribbon cutting on July 31st, and that the summer music festivals are still active around the county.

#### Manager's Report:

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan reports on the status of multiple projects including the wastewater efforts, Claridge Drive Pump Station, Community Energy Plan, roofing repairs and the Verona Pool financial status.

Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus reports on the Town Hall Window Replacement, NJ Lead Law, Mid-Year Budget Review, and Children's Fund. There is a discussion on the proposed fee increase focused on the Recreation Department's Summer Playgrounds' rates

#### Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy reminds every one of the concert in the center of town this Wednesday night and expresses the honor he felt by meeting the late Robert Wilson's family.

Councilman Roman requests an update on the county road work on Bloomfield Avenue and thanks the Town Manager and Deputy Town Manager for working on getting a quote for the AV systems.

Councilwoman McGrath attended the concert and the ceremony today for Lieutenant Wilson. There was a Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee meeting and the Shade Tree Commission met as well. Lastly, the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee is hosting a free webinar on Zoom on Wednesday at 6pm.

#### **Public Comment:**

Joseph Pannullo, Essex Fells, New Jersey Jan Zales, Verona, New Jersey Daniel Frenklakh, Verona, New Jersey Corey Schor, Verona, New Jersey Nick Poliseno, Verona, New Jersey Walter Steinmann, Verona, New Jersey Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey Elizabeth Connelly, Verona, New Jersey

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-165**

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

#### AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE BID THRESHOLD

**WHEREAS,** *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-3 permits the Governor of the State of New Jersey, in consultation with the Department of Treasury to adjust the bid threshold every five years in direct proportion to the rise and fall of the index; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has increased the minimum bid threshold from \$44,000 to \$53,000 for entities subject to the Local Public Contracts Law whose purchasing agents possess a Qualified Purchasing Agent certificate awarded by the Division of Local Government Services effective July 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Township Employee Agnes Brynczka possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the State of New Jersey Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 5:34-5.1; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County Essex, State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$53,000 in pursuant with *N.J.S.A.* 40*A*:11-3(*a*).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 5:34-5.2, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

**ABSENT: Holland** 

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-166**

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

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT UNDER NEW JERSEY LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 RESULTING FROM AN EMERGENT CONDITION ON THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM BETWEEN DERWENT AVENUE AND THE PECKMAN RIVER

**WHEREAS**, In October 2024 an emergency condition arose relating to the sanitary sewer system, specifically in the area of Derwent Avenue and the Peckman River; and

**WHEREAS,** the initial emergency repair work was completed by Wind River Environmental at a cost of \$58,442; and

**WHEREAS**, due to delays outside of the Townships control a portion of the repairs to resolve this emergent condition that impacts the public health and welfare were delayed until Spring 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** in the Spring 2025 the remaining emergency repairs to manholes between Derwent Avenue and the Peckman River were completed by FSC Leak Detection at a cost of \$70,210; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Ordinance No. 2021-24 or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the emergent condition as it relates to the sanitary sewer system between Derwent Avenue and the Peckman River is acknowledged and that the Administration is authorized to enter into contracts necessary to complete all repairs and address all public health concerns.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** any contracts shall be limited in duration to the nature of the emergency condition that impacts public health and welfare

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-167**

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

## AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO A UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION ACT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS AND THE BOROUGH OF ROSELAND

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona, Borough of Essex Fells, and the Borough of Roseland are authorized pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., to enter into agreements for shared services; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities all desire to challenge the Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit Nos. 10B, 11, and 17, the Water Quality Certificate, and other related permits and approvals issued to West Essex Highlands, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties agree to obtain professional legal services from a mutually agreedupon attorney to advise on a matter of shared municipal interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties agreed to share the cost of such legal services, not to exceed a total of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), and have further agreed to increase the not to exceed expenditure to a total of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the Township Manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Essex Fells and the Borough of Roseland.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-168**

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

## AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ROSELAND TO PROVIDE STREET SWEEPING SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:65-1 et seq. (the "Act"), authorized local units of this State to enter into agreements with any other local unit

or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona and the Borough of Roseland are desirous to renew a Shared Services agreement to provide Street Sweeping Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona and the Borough of Roseland have reached an agreement as to the terms and conditions associated with said agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of both municipalities to enter into this Interlocal Services Agreement commencing on January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2026.

**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 Township Manager and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Two-Year Shared Services Agreement to provide Street Sweeping Services to the Borough of Roseland.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Roseland.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-169**

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

## AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JACOBS ENGINEERING

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-192 appointing Jacobs Engineering Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Water Business Group, 412 Mt Kemble Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey for PFAS removal at the Linn Drive and Fairview Avenue Well sites for preliminary design for the PFAS Water Treatment at Linn Drive and Fairview Avenue Potable Water Well Sites Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-213, authorizing an increase to the agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Manager has determined that the contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. requires amending to incorporate further scopes of services including professional services during construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A.* 40*A:11-5(a)(1)(i)*) permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Water Business Group, with offices at 412 Mt Kemble Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey (hereinafter "Jacobs") has submitted the attached proposal for additional professional services at a cost not-to-exceed \$268,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council adopted Bond ordinance Nos. 2023-41 and 2023-42 at a regular meeting on October 16, 2023 for improvements for PFAS remediation of the Fairview Avenue and Linn Drive wells to fund the costs associated with this project; and

WHEREAS, Jacobs has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Jacobs 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 the Jacobs 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 amended with Jacobs for Professional Services for the project for PFAS removal at the Linn Drive and Fairview Avenue Well Sites in an amount not-to-exceed \$268,000 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:

Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Water Business Group 412 Mt Kemble Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-170** 

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

## ADOPTING THE STANDARDIZED BOARD RESOLUTION FORM FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the Township applied for and received an Inclusive Healthy Communities Grant from the New Jersey Department of Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services requires the Township to execute documents and for the Township Council to adopt the Department's Standardized Board Resolution Form; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services provided the attached Standardized Board Resolution Form.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the Standardized Board Resolution Form is adopted as attached to this resolution and a certified copy of this resolution will be sent to the Department of Human Services.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

**ABSENT: Holland** 

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-171**

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

#### ADOPTING A PROTOTYPICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Verona previously adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan and Service Agreement provided by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (f/k/a Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company) for the purposes of:

- attracting and retaining qualified employees;
- the accrual of tax benefits to eligible employees through participation in a Deferred Compensation Plan as established pursuant to Section 457 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code;
- that there is no cost to the local government unit to adopt and administer a Deferred Compensation Plan; and
- the administration of a Deferred Compensation Plan serves the interests of the local government unit by enabling it to provide enhanced retirement security to its eligible employees, and;

**WHEREAS**, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America has assigned the provision of services to its wholly owned subsidiary, Empower Retirement, LLC, who will continue to provide the same services under Empower's approved Services Agreement, and;

**WHEREAS**, the previously adopted Deferred Compensation Plan remains in full effect and is not being changed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, that the CFO is authorized to execute a Service Agreement with Empower Retirement, LLC, 21-SA-EMPOWER-110121, and submit all necessary documents to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the State Department of Community Affairs for approval.

#### • Local Plan Administrator (N.J.A.C. 5:37-5.4)

The CFO is hereby designated as the Local Plan Administrator for the administration of the Plan.

• Statement of Non-Collusion (N.J.A.C. 5:37-5.7)

There has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of the contractor in the selection of a contractor for the administration of a Service Agreement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:37-5.7.

• Execution of a Service Agreement and Contractor Identified

The CFO is authorized to execute a Service Agreement with Empower Retirement, LLC and Service Agreement Identifier 21-SA-EMPOWER-110121 and to submit all necessary documents to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the State Department of Community Affairs for approval.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-172**

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

## AWARDING CONTRACT No. 2025-03 FAIRVIEW AVENUE WELL FACILITY PFAS TREATMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona received bids for the Fairview Avenue Well Facility PFAS Treatment – Contract No. 2025-03 on May 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, six (6) bids were received for Contract 2025-03; and

**WHEREAS,** During the review period of the bids, the apparent low bidder, ZN Construction LLC, subsequently requested that their bid be withdrawn which the Township accepted; and

**WHEREAS,** Sovereign Consulting, Inc., Robbinsville, New Jersey was the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the Base Bid Amount of \$2,799,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consulting Engineer has reviewed and recommends this Contract award be made to Sovereign Consulting, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the contract for Contract No. 2025-03 be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Sovereign Consulting Inc., Robbinsville, New Jersey in the total amount of \$2,799,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this expenditure shall be charged against Ordinance 2023-42 or any account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

**ABSENT: Holland** 

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-173**

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

#### AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BIS DIGITAL.

**WHEREAS**, the Township requires audio-visual upgrades for Council Chambers for audio visual equipment, supplies and services; and

WHEREAS, BIS Digital is contracted through the TIPS Cooperative (Contract #230901); and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of this purchase shall not exceed the total amount of \$102,474.06 and shall be charged to Ordinance 2025-10A(r) or any account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee.

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

- 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 services requested shall not exceed \$102,474.06 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
- 3. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

#### RESOLUTION No. 2025-174

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

## AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PROPERTY PILOT, LLC DBA GOVPILOT

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Clerk's office requires software for efficient processing of various statutory obligations and administrative responsibilities; and,

**WHEREAS,** Property Pilot, LLC DBA GovPilot provides modules to help manage cost not-to-exceed \$20,000.00 for the 2025 budget year; and

**WHEREAS**, modules provided by GovPilot shall be charged to budget line 5-01-20-120-288; and

**WHEREAS,** GovPilot has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that GovPilot 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 the GovPilot 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 Property Pilot, LLC DBA GovPilot, 204 East Main Street, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736, subject to the following:

- 1. The Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk, 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.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-175**

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

## AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NEW JERSEY FUTURE FOR AGING COMMUNITIES AUDIT & ACTION PLAN

**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, New Jersey Future (NJF) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that promotes sensible and equitable growth, redevelopment, and infrastructure investments to foster healthy, strong, resilient communities; protect natural lands and waterways; increase transportation choices beyond cars; provide access to safe, affordable, and aging-friendly neighborhoods; and fuel a strong economy for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona wishes acquire the services of NJF to complete a community needs assessment of local resources, environment, obstacles, and perceptions affecting quality of life for older adults in the Township of Verona to identify gaps in the community's senior services; and.

**WHEREAS,** the cost of this project shall not exceed the total amount of \$45,000 and shall be funded by the grant received by the NJDHS.

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

- 4. 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.
- 5. The services requested shall not exceed \$45,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
- 6. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-176**

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

## AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PARAMUS FORD, d/b/a ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS

**WHEREAS**, a need exists for the acquisition of heavy-duty chassis truck for the daily operations of the Township of Verona Department of Public Works and Water/Sewer Utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System (Bid #BC 24-23) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, Paramus Ford, d/b/a All American Ford of Paramus. has proposed three (3) Ford trucks:

- 2024 Ford 600 Super Duty and the cost of this purchase shall not exceed \$97,957.20 and shall be charged account C-53-46-040-035 or any account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee.
- 2024 Ford F550 and the cost of this purchase shall not exceed \$83,853.05 and shall be charged account C-51-44-997-008 or any account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee.
- 2024 Ford 600 and the cost of this purchase shall not exceed \$104,324.45 and shall be charged account C-51-44-997-008 or any account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, that Paramus Ford, d/b/a All American Ford of Paramus. is hereby awarded a contract for three (3) 2024 Ford trucks in a total amount not to exceed \$286,134.70.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-177**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath 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 AGRICULTURE 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 \$ 20,000 from the State of New Jersey in the form of a Department of Agriculture 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 \$20,000 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 Department of Agriculture 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 \$20,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

NJ Department of Agriculture 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: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: Holland

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-178**

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

#### PERMITTING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently 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: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

**ABSENT: Holland** 

New Business:

None

**Public Comment:** 

Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey Corey Schor, Verona, New Jersey Daniel Frenklakh, Verona, New Jersey

Ashley Rivah

Council goes into Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. Council returned to public session at 10:52 p.m.

Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

#### Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy at 10:52 p.m.; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath. The next meeting is August 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: August 4, 2025