

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, June 8, 2026, 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 thanks everyone who participated in the Memorial Day ceremony and wishes everyone a happy Pride month. He congratulates Joel Martin on his retirement and thanks the Lions Club for the invitation to their 75-year anniversary dinner and all involved who participated in the Juneteenth flag raising. He lastly thanks Councilwoman McGrath for being the top vote getter in the Democratic Primary for County Commissioner.

Essex County Liaison, Jay Coltre reports on Verona Park performances, fireworks season, festivals and other singers/performers with their detailed times and locations.

Mayor Tamburro reads a Proclamation recognizing the Verona Lions Club.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan begins by providing multiple project updates including the Peckman River Bank Stabilization, Linden Avenue and the Dodd Terrace, Afterglow Way and Summit Road projects. Also mentioned are developments including Everett Field, various facility needs, the emergency services building and the Green Acres reimbursement.

Presentation - Personette Avenue - Boswell Engineering

Presentation - Speed Limit Study - Boswell Engineering

Deputy Manager's Report:

Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus provides Community Center, staffing and insurance updates. Shade Tree Commission is also mentioned as well as police department recruits. Lastly, pool revenue information is given.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy begins by mentioning the Parks and Rec Committee's presentation and thanks all involved in the Chamber of Commerce's Lunch and Learn and the Memorial Day celebration. He thanks Joel Martin for all of his years of service and attended the Verona High School's awards ceremony and the Verona Environmental Commission's Garden event. The Lions Club received a congratulations from the Deputy Mayor and he reminds residents and local business owners of the Chamber of Commerce's networking event tomorrow night. He lastly thanks everyone for attending and participating in the Juneteenth ceremony.

Councilman Roman was able to attend Verona's Pride Ceremony this weekend and thanks all involved for organizing and participating. The Environmental Commission will be meeting this Wednesday evening and he appreciates all their hard work and dedication.

Councilwoman McGrath begins by thanking all of the voters in Verona and all across Essex County who voted for her in last Tuesday's Primary for Essex County Commissioner at Large. She attended several township events including the county's Memorial Day event and spent time with Congresswoman McIver in Verona at the Woo Smash Restaurant. She lastly represented Verona at this year's Valerie Fund Walk and remembers and mentions the memory of Daria Gebbia.

Councilwoman Holland announces her resignation to the Public and Counsel. She reflects on her time serving on the governing body and thanks the public and her family.

Mayor Tamburro presents a resolution to the Councilwoman as well as a proclamation.

RESOLUTION No. 2026-121

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

**DESIGNATING CYNTHIA L.M. HOLLAND, ESQUIRE
COUNCILWOMAN EMERITA**

WHEREAS, Cynthia L.M. Holland has faithfully served the residents of the Township of Verona as a member of the Township Council from 2021 – 2026; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Councilwoman Holland demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, integrity, and commitment to the public good; and

WHEREAS, her service contributed significantly to the advancement of municipal government, community development, public engagement, and the quality of life of the residents of the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Holland has earned the respect and appreciation of fellow elected officials, municipal staff, community organizations, and residents through her tireless efforts and distinguished record of public service; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Township of Verona recognize her lasting contributions and preserve her legacy of service.

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

1. The Township Council of the Township of Verona hereby confers upon Cynthia L.M. Holland, Esquire, the honorary title of Councilwoman Emerita in recognition of her distinguished and exemplary service to our Town and its residents.
2. The title of Councilwoman Emerita shall serve as a lasting acknowledgment of her contributions to municipal governance and the betterment of the community.
3. The Township Council extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Councilwoman Holland for her years of dedicated public service and wishes her continued health, happiness, and success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be presented to Councilwoman Holland as a token of this Council's esteem and appreciation.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Public Comment:

Kevin Ryan, Verona, NJ
Jason Hyndman, Verona NJ
Josh Jacobs, Verona NJ
Jon Verzella, Verona NJ
Jessica Medina, Verona NJ
Corey Schor, Verona NJ
Elizabeth Hynes, Verona NJ
Jim Evans, Verona NJ
Abigail Chirico, Verona NJ
Denise Verzella, Verona NJ
Paul Mickewicz, Verona NJ

Hearing, Adoption of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE No. 2026-16

**AMENDING CHAPTER 55 "LAND USE PROCEDURES", ARTICLE I
"PLANNING BOARD", SECTION 1 "ESTABLISHMENT AND
COMPOSITION", PARAGRAPH D (2) AND ARTICLE II "ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT", SECTION 12 "ESTABLISHMENT AND
COMPOSITION", PARAGRAPH D**

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title.

A motion to move the ordinance is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

Public Hearing:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2026-16 is adopted by a vote of 5-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-23

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,173,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,071,000 BONDS
OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST
THEREOF.**

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title.

A motion to move the ordinance is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman.

Public Hearing:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2026-23 is adopted by a vote of 5-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-24

**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 \$2,725,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$2,588,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title.

A motion to move the ordinance is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman.

Public Hearing:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2026-24 is adopted by a vote of 5-0.

Introduction of Ordinance:

ORDINANCE No. 2026-25

CREATION OF CHAPTER 168 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA ENTITLED "BURNING DANGEROUS MATERIAL, GARBAGE, AND VEGETATION PROHIBITED"

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title.

A motion to move the ordinance is made by Mayor Tamburro; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2026-25 is adopted by a vote of 5-0. A public hearing will be held on June 22, 2026.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-26

PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF RESCUE SQUAD AMBULANCE AND EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$390,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$371,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title.

A motion to move the ordinance is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2026-26 is adopted by a vote of 5-0. A public hearing will be held on June 22, 2026.

RESOLUTION No. 2026-122

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH
NEWGEN STRATEGIES & SOLUTIONS, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona operates a Water Utility that is part of the general government structure and accounts for water service as a dedicated utility within its budget; and

WHEREAS, the water utility fund is mandated to be a self-liquidating account where fees cover all operational and debt service costs and must be financially self-supporting where the cost of operating and maintaining the water system will be supported by the water fees and charges collected from customers with no support or subsidy from other Township revenues; and

WHEREAS, the water utility is required by law to be supported by the rates and fees charged for the use of water service; and

WHEREAS, the Township endeavors to implement equitable (i.e., fair and balanced) water rates to ensure sufficient revenues are being generated; and

WHEREAS, performing a water-rate study update will ensure the water utility has the financial resources needed to meet budget items, maintain the infrastructure, allow for anticipated growth of the water distribution system and implement a capital improvement plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to make the award as non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5* to NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC, located at, 900 Bestgate Road, Suite 402, Annapolis, MD 21401 has submitted a proposal indicating the ability to perform said services at a cost not-to-exceed \$30,000.00, charged to budget line C-51-44-997-019 and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC 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 NewGen Strategies & Solutions, 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 is awarded to NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC for a Water Utility Rate Study

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-123

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

**FINAL CHANGE ORDER AND CLOSE-OUT OF CONTRACT No. 2025-06
ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona received bids for roof replacements at the Township of Verona – Contract No. 2025-06 on October 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2025-249 was adopted by the Township Council awarding Contract No. 2025-06 to the Mak Group LLC, Saddle Brook, New Jersey in the correct amount of \$788,032.00; and

WHEREAS, there is a change order decreasing the final contract amount 13.1% to \$684,257.91

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that \$684,257.91 shall be charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(t) 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 Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-124

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

**FINAL CHANGE ORDER AND CLOSE-OUT OF CONTRACT No. 2025-05
BANK STABILIZATION ALONG THE PECKMAN RIVER**

WHEREAS, the Township awarded Contract 2025-05 to CMS Construction on September 9, 2025 for the base bid amount of \$271,510.00; and

WHEREAS, there is a change order decreasing the final contract amount -4.4% to a final contract amount of \$259,525.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that \$259,525.00 shall be charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(o) 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 Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-125

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath that

the following resolution be adopted:

CANCEL TAXES BLOCK 2301 LOT 14.01 QUALIFIER D0001 TO D0006

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector was notified from Conifer LLC, that they have their permanent mortgage; and

WHEREAS, as part of their agreement for payments in lieu of taxes, on the date (the "Tax Exemption Commencement Date") of the Sponsor's execution of a mortgage encumbering the Property and the Project with a permanent (not merely construction) mortgage lien in favor of the Agency (the "Agency Mortgage"), the land and improvements comprising the Property and the Project shall be exempt from all ad valorem real property taxes, provided that the Sponsor shall make payments in lieu of taxes to the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel the billing from April 15, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-126

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 TO FSC LEAK DETECTION RESULTING FROM AN EMERGENCY CONDITION AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, an emergency arose when the Township's wastewater treatment plant operator determined that the plant's primary digester was in immediate need of immediate attention due to a clogged digester.; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6* permits a contract to be negotiated or awarded without public advertisement for bids and bidding therefor, notwithstanding the contract price will exceed the bid threshold, when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.12*, contracts awarded under such circumstances are exempted from Pay-to-Play due to public exigency; and

WHEREAS, the Township received three quotes with Spectraserve being the lowest at a cost not to exceed \$221,400.00; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure was charged to Budget Account C-51-44-997-023 by the Chief Financial Officer and the availability of funds were contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby approves the award of an emergency contract pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A-11-6* to Spectraserve, Inc. for this emergency repair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED said contract shall be limited to duration as to meet only the immediate needs of this emergency.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-127

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

**AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
CONTRACT WITH CP ENGINEERS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopted Resolution Nos. 2024-153 and 2024-154 to CP Engineers for necessary improvements to the WWTP; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has determined that the contract with CP Engineers requires amending to incorporate further scopes of services to remedy three major issues such as discharge of the Tertiary Filter backwash water filter, replacement of the slide gates resulting in the bypass of the Microscreen Influent Channel and administering the I-Bank application process, in an amount not to exceed \$49,500, an increase of 14.11% for a total contract amount of \$350,750; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall be charged to account C-51-44-997-005 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, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that CP Engineers is hereby awarded an amending contract for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant.

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. 2026-128

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

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH
BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR THE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF THE
FRANKLIN STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Franklin Street pedestrian bridge was installed in 1954; and,

WHEREAS, upon thorough inspection of the bridge, Boswell Engineering concluded that the bridge itself should be completely replaced, a rehabilitation of the abutment and adjacent drainage outfall apron; and,

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has submitted a proposal to provide professional engineering services for this project; and,

WHEREAS, the scope of this work includes civil and structural design and environmental permitting, addressing the exposed water main on site, allowable slope grading required by the Americans with Disabilities Act to be brought to compliance; 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 cost of this project shall not exceed \$749,839 and shall be charged to accounts C-53-46-040-014-2024-22I, C53-46-040-046 2025 10M and c-51-44-997-024 2026-24C and the availability of funds have been certified 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 Professional Service contract is awarded to Boswell Engineering for the design and engineering of said project:

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 \$749,839 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: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-129

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

**AWARDING CONTRACT No. 2026-03
DERWENT SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona received five (5) bids for Contract 2026-03 Derwent Sanitary Sewer Repairs on March 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Consulting Engineer has reviewed and recommends the contract award be made to National Water Main Cleaning Company as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the Base Bid & Alternate Bid Amount of \$1,298,176.80; and,

WHEREAS, \$1,298,176.80 shall be charged to budget line items C-51-44-997-010 2025-11C and C-51-44-997-022 2026-24A and the availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT 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 Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH E&M O'HARA ELECTRIC

WHEREAS, the Township is periodically in need of electrical services; and

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

WHEREAS, funds are available to award contracts for the services listed shall be charged to any budget account determined by the CFO to be applicable; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to E&M O'Hara Electric, Inc., 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 E&M O'Hara Electric, Inc., have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that E&M O'Hara Electric, Inc. located at 144 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 is hereby awarded a contract for providing various electrical services not to exceed \$25,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being 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 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:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-131

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MORTON SALT, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township requires the purchase of rock salt for combating snow and ice storms by plowing and salting the roads within the Township for emergency response vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services is not to exceed \$130,849.07; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the Essex County Co-Op Bid # 23-223 pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et seq.*, and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 6-01-26-290-050 and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Morton Salt, Inc. is hereby awarded a contract for providing water service materials for use by the sewer utility in an amount not to exceed \$130,849.07.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township 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 Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-132

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath 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 \$23,000.00 shall be charged to Budget Account No. 6-01-28-374-224 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 \$23,000 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:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-133

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SUBURBAN SPORTS GROUP, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to award a contract for the Recreation Department's athletic programs requiring gaming officials; and,

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will not exceed \$40,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Township's recreation programs are part of a multi-municipality league where all municipalities utilize Suburban Sports Group for recreation program monitoring and officiating; and

WHEREAS, given the participation in a multi-municipality league it is impractical for the Township to obtain quotes for services or an independent vendor to provide program monitoring and officiating; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 6-01-28-370-205/216, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or

his/her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the Township Manager and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into a contract with Suburban Sports Group, LLC, 7 Vreeland Lane, Cedar Grove, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Suburban Sports Group, LLC is hereby awarded a contract for providing gaming officials in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-134

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH UNIFIED TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS CO.

WHEREAS, the Township requires the purchase of exterior security cameras; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services is not to exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the Somerset County Contract CC-0056-25 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et seq., and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 6-01-29-390-063 and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Unified Technology Partners Co. is hereby awarded a contract for providing exterior security cameras in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township 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 Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-135

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

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA 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 2026 tax bills on a timely basis; and

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 8th day of June 2026 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 2026 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 N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3).
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2026 is hereby set at \$78,805,571.91.
3. The Estimated tax rate (based on estimated levy) is hereby set at \$2.052.
4. In accordance with law, the third installment of 2026 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. 2026-136

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

**PERMITTING THE REMOVAL OF AN EXTRAORDINARY TREE PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 493, ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 21(C) OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the property owner at 49 Afterglow Way, Block 401, Lot 15, has requested a permit to remove a Red Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter of fifty-three inches (53") and is defined as an extraordinary tree in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the tree is located in the front yard is dead and therefore mitigation will be required; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 493, Article II, paragraph 21(C) of the Township Code states that removal of extraordinary trees shall be prohibited except upon the specific written recommendation of the Zoning Official after consultation of the Township Forester and approval by resolution of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Official is in agreement with the Township Forester's recommendations as stated in the attached memorandum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that due to the forester’s concern, immediate removal of the 53” Red Oak tree is warranted pursuant to Chapter 493 of the Township Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall serve as the written authorization pursuant to Chapter 493, Article II, Paragraph 21(C).

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-137

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: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-138

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

APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 & CLOSE-OUT OF CONTRACT #2025-07 “LINDEN AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS”

WHEREAS, Stanziale Construction, LLC and the Township of Verona have heretofore entered into an Agreement, more particularly known as Contract No. 2025-07 - “Linden Avenue Improvements” in the amount of \$736,172.25, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 includes additional tree removal, inlet reconstruction and new casting of the project in the amount of \$77,350.00; and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 and Final Close Out in the amount of \$813,522.25.

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, in the amount of \$77,350.00, for a final contract amount of \$813,522.25, resulting in a +10.51% increase be approved and Contract No. 2025-07 be closed out.

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 Close-Out for Contract No. 2025-07 on behalf of the Township.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-139

A motion was made by _____ ; seconded by _____ that the following resolution be adopted:

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MORNINGSIDE ROAD, HILLSIDE AVENUE AND FAIRWAY AVENUE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Verona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Verona and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: McGrath

RESOLUTION No. 2026-140

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HARMONYRX FOR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO RENEW

WHEREAS, this is to request an award of a contract without the receipt of formal bids as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service [N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3(b)]; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey sees the need to address rising prescription drug costs and implement additional cost containment management and measures to maintain stable premium costs for its membership; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona received a proposal from HarmonyRx, providing various pharmacy benefit management services to health plans and payers; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona desires that HarmonyRx provide prescription cost containment and member advocacy programs to members on behalf of the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, HarmonyRx desires to provide such services, including but not limited to administration and claims processing services.

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

1. The proper officers of the Township of Verona hereby authorize the execution of an agreement with HarmonyRx for a one (1) year period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with two one-year options to renew.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Verona is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with the executed agreement to HarmonyRx.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law. All appropriate Township of Verona officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: McGrath, Tamburro

RESOLUTION No. 2026- 141

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

**PERMITTING THE REMOVAL OF AN EXTRAORDINARY TREE PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 493, ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 21(C) OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the property owner at 59 Wayland Drive, Block 609, Lot 40, has requested a permit to remove a Red Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter of thirty-eight inches (38") and is defined as an extraordinary tree in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the tree is located adjacent to the drive is dead, causing a hazard to the homeowner's property and should be removed; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 493, Article II, paragraph 21(C) of the Township Code states that removal of extraordinary trees shall be prohibited except upon the specific written recommendation of the Zoning Official after consultation of the Township Forester and approval by resolution of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Official is in agreement with the Township Forester's recommendations as stated in the attached memorandum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that due to the forester's concern, immediate removal of the 38" Red Oak tree is warranted pursuant to Chapter 493 of the Township Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall serve as the written authorization pursuant to Chapter 493, Article II, Paragraph 21(C).

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

New Business:

Council discusses the vacancy and set a date of June 22, 2026 to interview those who submit letters of intent to the Municipal Clerk expressing their interest in being appointed to the Township Council temporarily. A special election will be held at the November General Election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Executive Session:

Council enters into a brief Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

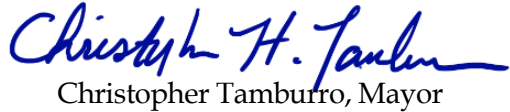
Adjournment:

A motion is made by Mayor Tamburro and seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

The next meeting is June 22, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: June 22, 2026