

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on January 21, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey.

Call to Order:

Township Manager reads notice of Open Public Meetings law. The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting; specifically, advance written notice of at least 48 hours, giving the time, date and location and to the extent known, the agenda, which notice stated that formal action may be taken, was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and sent to the official newspapers, transmitted to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and Star-Ledger.

Roll Call:

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin Ryan; Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Attorney Brian Aloia and Township Manager Matthew Cavallo are also present. Also in attendance are Eric J. Nemeth, Esq., General Counsel/Co-Administrator of NJIIF; and Jennifer Passannante, Esq, NJIIF Special Counsel of the firm Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP.

Mayor McEvoy leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-40

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan; 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 exists.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*
 - Docket No. ESX-L-5857-16
(The Land Tek Group, Inc, vs. Township of Verona)
 - Docket No. ESX-L-8050-17
(Jordan Descafano vs. Township of Verona, Michael Ruglio)
 - Docket No. ESX-L-781-19
(Jennifer Kiernan vs. Township of Verona)
 - Docket No. ESX-L-2391-19
(Erika Varela vs. Township of Verona, Matthew Cavallo)
 - Docket No. ESX-L-7289-15; A-002051-16 T04; A-000036-01
(Lars Sternas v. The Planning Board of the Township of Verona, DMH2, LLC, et. als.)
 - Docket No. ESX-L-1710-19; A-1010-19
(Kensington Senior Development v. Township of Verona, et al.)
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when said subject has been fully discussed by the Council, and the attorney rules this matter may be brought before the public without jeopardizing any pending litigation.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

Public Comment:

None

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:06 p.m. is moved by Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Deputy Mayor Roman. Vote: 5 ayes.

The Council returned to Open Session at 9:12 p.m. Councilwoman McGrath was not present when the Council returned to Open Session.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the public meeting at 9:12 p.m. is moved by Councilman Ryan; seconded by Councilman Giblin. Vote: 4 ayes and 1 Absent (Councilwoman McGrath).

The next regular scheduled meeting is January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Cavallo

Matthew Cavallo, MPA, CPM, RMC
Township Manager

Jack McEvoy

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Mayor

APPROVED: January 27, 2020