Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, December 7, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing platform.

#### Call to Order:

Municipal Clerk reads notice of Open Public Meetings law. The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Township Council which is being held via Zoom video conferencing due to restrictions on indoor public gatherings resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the time and date were included in the public meeting notice. This information, along with the public internet link and telephone call-in information was posted in the Municipal Building, and sent the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger and MyVeronaNJ.com and TAPinto, the official online news source(s) of the Township, at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at www.veronanj.org/councilmeetings. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda and instructions on how to comment will be provided at the appropriate time. This meeting is being recorded, both audibly and visually for retention purposes and for rebroadcast on the Township's YouTube channel and VTV.

#### Roll Call:

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin Ryan, Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Manager Matthew Cavallo, Brian Aloia, Township Attorney and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present.

#### Mayor's Report:

Essex County Liaison Julius Coltre reports that the County has canceled this year's Deer Management Program. Mayor McEvoy reads a proclamation for Share Your Light Night. He thanks the religious leaders for organizing the Interfaith Service last Sunday.

#### Manager's Report:

Mr. Cavallo states he will give an overview and then hold a public hearing. He reports the 2021 Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) and reports as 2020 comes to a close the Township of Verona has the opportunity to once again to submit a qualifying project to the County of Essex for the 2021 Essex County Community Development Block Grant Program. In years past the CDBG program has assisted the Township in providing critical funding for many projects located within the municipality. Our 2019 projects were 30 ADA curb ramp reconstructions and ADA improvements at the Community Center. In 2020 we are doing ADA improvements at FN Brown School and at the Municipal Building along Gould Street. These two program year projects have unfortunately been delayed due to HUD holding monies back across the Country. The County has already approved and budgeted the monies for us. The projects have been designed and are ready to bid and will hopefully be constructed during the spring of 2021. This year, after a careful review of the needs of the community, we once again focused our attentions to the ADA accessibility of our local streets, sidewalks and crosswalks. There are areas located throughout the Township where the existing ADA curb ramps are in much need of repair. Some of these areas are those which have the stamped or scored red crosswalks which were installed many years ago. Overtime these crosswalks have not fared well under the harsh winter weather that the Northeast can have and many have deteriorated to the point where they need to be removed and the surface of the roadway at the intersections micro-graded to allow for positive drainage of storm run-off. We have identified 30 individual curb ramps and a dozen intersections that are in need of either repair or full reconstruction.

#### Public Hearing:

None.

Mr. Cavallo reports that COVID-19 Cases are continuing to soar in Verona. The number of Verona residents diagnosed with COVID-19 has continued to increase at an alarming rate. Since the last Council Meeting on November 23, Verona has seen an additional 60 confirmed positive test results. Now, more than ever, it is time to reevaluate your comings and goings and try limit your close contact with others. Continue to wear a face covering over your nose and mouth and stay 6 feet apart from others. He urges everyone to pick up the phone when a local Health Department employee calls for Contract Tracing. Please follow the Health Department guidance. Call your healthcare provider if you start to feel ill and

you have not been tested for COVID-19. If you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, stay at home and self-quarantine for 14 days, starting from the most recent day that you were possibly exposed to COVID-19. Monitor yourself, and maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet) from others at all times. Notify those who you had close contact with recently if you become ill. Know what symptoms mean you need to go to the hospital right away. Seek medical care if symptoms become severe. Severe symptoms include trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or bluish lips or face.

The County will continue their expanded COVID-19 testing six days per week (Monday through Saturday). Testing information and times are available on the County of Essex website homepage. Registration for these test sites is open 24/7 at www.EssexCovid.org. Testing will be held Monday & Saturday at Commuter Parking Garage #1 (adjacent to Codey Arena) Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex, Cherry Lane, West Orange; Tuesday & Friday at Essex County Weequahic Park, Meeker Avenue entrance, Newark and Wednesday & Thursday at Essex County Department of Public Works, 99 West Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove. Residents are encouraged to get retested if they have been tested 14 days ago or more and have received negative test results or are asymptomatic.

The County of Essex is continuing their Emergency Food Distribution Events every Thursday through the end of the year. This Thursday site is at Essex County Public Works Department located at 99 West Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove beginning at 9:00 a.m. Line up on Grove Avenue begins at 8:00 a.m. More information is available on the Essex County website.

The Board of Trustees of the Verona Public Library have decided to reopen the doors of the Library to the public starting tomorrow, December 8, 2020. In addition, the Library will not be closing the building after Christmas and New Year's as was previously mentioned. Curbside contactless pickup will continue for the foreseeable future. Contact the Library directly for more information.

Demolition has begun on the four houses that were acquired with the Cameco factory. The Township closed on the Poekel Properties on November 24, 2020. A bid is currently posted to BidNet for the demolition of the structures on the property. The Township is tentatively scheduled to close on the two lots owned by Forsons Partners on December 15.

The Verona Fire Department will be out with Santa on this upcoming Sunday, December 13th! Unfortunately, we will not be handing out candy canes or dog treats and ask that you wave from inside. We will still be collecting non-perishables for the Holy Spirit Food Pantry so please leave any donations in a bag out at the curb for us to collect. We will not be stopping for pictures this year but we still want to see everyone so make sure to listen for the horns and sirens! Stay safe and we will see you then!

As a precaution due to the high numbers of COVID-19 cases in Verona, we will not be holding a public gathering for the lighting of the Hanukkah Menorah this year. The menorah will be lit every night by a member of the community.

The Rent Control Board will meet Tuesday, December 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Environmental Commission will meet Wednesday, December 9 beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Board of Adjustment will meet Thursday, December 10 beginning at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Shade Tree Commission meets Monday, December 14 beginning at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Check the Township's website for the agenda and access information.

Mr. Cavallo requests that Director of Economic Development and Administration give an update on the Sustainable Essex Alliance Energy Aggregation Program.

#### Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor Roman has no report this evening.

Councilman Ryan states that after finishing work on Linden and Otsego, PSE&G filled in some potholes. He asks the Township Manger if there are any plans to smooth that area out. Mr. Cavallo will look into it. Councilman Ryan states he attended the Interfaith Services and congratulates the religious leaders in keeping up the tradition. He comments that the event was sparsely attended, but able to be viewed via live stream.

Councilman Giblin has no report this evening.

Councilwoman McGrath reports that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met and discussed this year's basketball season will not occur this year and talked about outdoor activities that can be held this winter if the weather permits. She attended the NJ League of Municipalities On-line Conference this week and took several classes which she found informative and insightful. She also attended the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service and wants to thank everyone who was involved in putting on such a wonderful event. She also attended a Downtown NJ seminar on reforming liquor license laws. Assemblyman Burzichelli and NJ State Senator Gopal are leading the effort. They view reform as a way to help the restaurant industry during the pandemic. They hope to reach a compromise in early 2021. Councilwoman McGrath also reported she visited 14 retail establishments on Small Business Saturday and documented her visits on Instagram @christineforcouncilverona.

#### ORDINANCE No. 2020-24

## AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m) FOR THE EXPECTED DEFICIT IN OPERATIONS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE CURRENT FUND

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2020-24 by title into record.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-24 is moved by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

Public Hearing:

None.

Council Discussion.

**ROLL CALL:** 

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2020-24 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

#### ORDINANCE No. 2020-25

# AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m) FOR THE EXPECTED DEFICIT IN OPERATIONS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2020-25 by title into record.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-25 is moved by Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Giblin.

Public Hearing:

None.

Council Discussion.

**ROLL CALL:** 

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2020-24 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2020-26 by title into record.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-26 is moved by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Ryan.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2020-26 is approved 5-0 and will be published according to law. A public hearing will be held on December 21, 2020.

Public Comment on the proposed resolution:

None.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-198**

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

## AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:40-1

**WHEREAS**, certain transfers of funds for various 2020 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-58 provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient; and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by *N.J.S.A.* 40*A*:4-58 for transfer purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations accounts of the 2020 Municipal Budget as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Police - Salary and Wages	\$20,000.00	
Insurance - Health Insurance	\$80,000.00	
Insurance - General Insurance	\$25,000.00	
Recreation - Salary and Wages	\$50,000.00	
Finance - Salary and Wages	\$10,000.00	
Municipal Clerk - Salary and Wages		\$20,000.00
Rent Leveling - Salary and Wages		\$5,000.00
Recycling - Other Expenses		\$60,000.00
Solid Waste - Other Expenses		\$80,000.00
Police - Other Expenses		\$20,000.00
	\$185,000.00	<u>\$185,000.00</u>

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-199**

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HARPER CONTROL SOLUTIONS, INC.

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the purchase of components for the monitoring of the water storage tanks within the Water Utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supervising Operator has recommended and the Township Manager concurs that Harper Control Solutions, Inc., 1010 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut, 06901 shall be awarded a contract to provide said equipment and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Harper Control Solutions, Inc., 1010 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut, 06901 is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of components for the monitoring of the water storage tanks within the Water Utility not to exceed \$26,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution; 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 a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times; and

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

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-200**

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

#### AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MIRACLE CHEMICAL COMPANY

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the purchase of various chemicals used in the operation of Water/Sewer Utility and the Swimming Pool Utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supervising Operator and the Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds has recommended and the Township Manager concurs that W.R. Neumann Company, Inc. d/b/a Miracle Chemical Company, 1151 B Highway #33, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 shall be awarded a contract to provide said equipment and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that W.R. Neumann Company, Inc. d/b/a Miracle Chemical Company, 1151 B Highway #33, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of various chemicals used in the operation of Water/Sewer Utility and the Swimming Pool Utility not to exceed \$43,500.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution; 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 a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times; and

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

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-201**

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

AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE 2020 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 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any 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**, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received \$12,225 from the Essex County Municipal Alliance Committee to be used for substance abuse prevention and education and wishes to amend its 2020 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, a condition of receiving the grant is that the Township of Verona must provide a match in the amount of \$3,056.25, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding for this match is available in the 2020 budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby requests the Director approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$12,225 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:

Municipal Alliance Committee Fund

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$15,281.25 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A)Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: Municipal Alliance Committee Fund

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-202**

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

## AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX PAYMENTS DUE TO DUPLICATE PAYMENT (BLOCK 1712, LOT 1, QUALIFIER C0038)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona had received payment on November 2, 2020 from Tobias Title Agency in the amount of \$1,243.19 for 4th quarter taxes by the homeowner for Block 1712, Lot 1, Qualifier C0038, property known as Wedgewood Drive Unit 38, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona received a second payment for the same property from Corelogic on November 3, 2020, and

WHEREAS, this payment has resulted in an overpayment in the amount of \$1,243.19, and

WHEREAS, the owner has requested the refund, and the title company has requested a refund.

**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 Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector are hereby authorized to issue a refund to Tobias Title Agency, in the amount of \$1,243.19.

**ROLL CALL:** 

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-203**

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

### AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES FOR BLOCK 2301 LOTS 17 AND 18

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has purchased properties located at 860 Bloomfield Avenue (Block 2301, Lot 17), Bloomfield and Personette (Block 2301, Lot 18), and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona is exempt from paying property taxes, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel 2020 taxes assessed to Block 2301 Lots 17 and 18 as of the deed date of November 24, 2020.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a refund of \$2,828.32 be issued to Poekel Properties, LLC.

**ROLL CALL:** 

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-204**

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

## AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX PAYMENT- BLOCK 102/LOT 1/QUALIFIER C1026

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has received notification from the Tax Assessor's office that property located at 2 Claridge Drive Unit #10MW (Block 102, Lot 1, Qualifier C1026) is totally exempt from taxation, and

WHEREAS, this property should not have been billed for taxes for partial of  $3^{\rm rd}$  quarter and all of  $4^{\rm th}$  quarter, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona received payment from Sylvie Ridlen, who is the homeowner on this tax account, and

WHEREAS, the homeowner has requested a refund of payment

**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 Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector are hereby authorized to issue a refund to Sylvia Ridlen in the amount of \$4,177.98.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-205**

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

#### REFUNDING TAX LIEN REDEMPTION

**WHEREAS**, property located at 1 Claridge Drive #425 (Block 101 Lot 1 Qualifier C0425) owned by Jay & Estelle Friedrich, has been held in tax lien since December 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, payment was received, in the amount of \$690.50 from Jay Joseph Friedrich, clearing the lien as follows:

Certificate #20-00001

Certificate (not yet issued) \$690.50

Redeemed within 10 days

Total \$690.50

Premium \$16,600.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector be authorized to refund \$17,290.50 to LSG TL Holdings LLC, 1985 Cedar Bridge Avenue, Suite 1, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-206**

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Ryan; 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 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:
  - a. Contract Negotiations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)
    - 2021 Professional Services
  - b. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)
    - M.B. adv. Verona
- 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:

#### New Business:

Councilwoman McGrath had requested three (3) resolutions pertaining to the creation of a policy outlining all volunteer board and commission members training for implicit bias and harassment, sexual harassment and reporting policies; a written policy outlining employee training and performing a salary analysis of all employee titles/positions to ensure conformity with the Diane B. Allen Equal Pay Act. Councilwoman McGrath states that over the past few years, sexual harassment and workplace bias have become more apparent. She states she requested the drafting of this resolutions to outline policies and procedures to ensure employees as well as volunteers are trained appropriately. After Council discussion it is agreed upon that the resolutions will be on the consent agenda for the next meeting and then individually pulled to be voted on individually.

There is discussion on the draft ordinance to codify the allowable uses of the Children's Fund. Councilwoman McGrath requests homelessness and domestic violence be included as well as referencing guardians and foster parents as well as parents and to change annual reporting to the governing body to quarterly reporting.

Council discusses rent control. Mr. Cavallo states that before we move forward on finalizing a draft of the ordinance, a consensus is needed from the Council as to where they want to be on certain matters and the number one this question is does the Township want to be in the rent control business anymore? He goes on to state that rent control is permissive under New Jersey law and references a ruling in the 1970s that New Jersey municipalities are permitted to create their own rent control or rent leveling ordinances as they would like as long as you do not create an undue hardship on the landlord for operating their business and is just and reasonable. Verona has had rent control since the late 1970s when the ordinance was adopted and has been modified a few times. Therefore, going under the presumption that the Council wants to continue having rent control, Mr. Cavallo states some definitions that need to be reaffirmed such as "dwelling." Mr. Cavallo also states the Council needs to determine what, if any, vacancy decontrol do they want to offer landlords? The Council decides that receiving a copy of the buildings subject to rent control in Verona would help them move forward.

Mr. Cavallo states that the town put out a survey on PlanetCivic and received just under 100 responses. Off Verona residents, 42% in favor of restrictions on overnight parking, while 50+% responded that they would like to keep it in place. Mr. Cavallo states he may look for Council approval to waive permit fees for the amount paid in 2020 for 2021 as residents purchased overnight parking permits prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, when overnight parking regulations were suspended.

#### **Public Comment:**

Monica Vincent, 36 Montclair Avenue, Verona, New Jersey Municipal Clerk reads an email submitted by Verona resident Toral Patel

#### Adjournment:

Council enters into Executive Session at 9:54 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm is motioned by Councilman Giblin; seconded by Councilman Ryan.

The next regular scheduled meeting is December 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gennifer Kiernan Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: December 21, 2020