

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2019-62

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

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO THE VOTERS
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE,
RECREATION AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
TRUST FUND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, ET. SEQ.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7 et seq. permits the governing body of any municipality to submit to the voters of the municipality in a general or special election a proposition authorizing the imposition of an annual tax levy for an amount or at a rate deemed appropriate for the acquisition, development and maintenance of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, historic preservation purposes, or the payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the Township for the above purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Verona desires to authorize the submission of such a proposition to the voters as set forth hereinafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, et seq., the Township Council hereby requests that the County Clerk of the County of Essex print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 5, 2019 general election the following proposition:

Shall the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex adopt an Ordinance establishing a "Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund" to be funded through the imposition and collection of a tax not to exceed two (2) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the purposes of (a) acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes; (b) development of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes; (c) maintenance of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes; (d) historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objects and acquisition of such properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objects for historic preservation purposes; and (e) payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the Township of Verona for any of these purposes?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk of the County of Essex is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 5, 2019 general election the following Interpretative Statement:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A "yes" vote for this proposition means that you do want the Township of Verona to take the necessary steps to establish a Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund that shall be used to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The Trust Fund can also be used to develop or maintain lands that are acquired for recreation and conservation purposes or used for the acquisition or historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objects located within the Township of Verona. The Trust Fund can also be used to make payments on bonds issued to acquire lands for these purposes.

The tax, if authorized at the full two (2) cents per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation will result in the annual increase in the municipal portion of the real property taxes assessed on a home with an assessment of \$429,576.00, the Township average assessment, of \$85.92 and based upon the current assessed valuations of property within the Township, would raise approximately \$418,665.00 annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Township Clerk shall file a copy of this ordinance with the County Clerk of County of Essex.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2019.



**JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

