

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

APRIL 19, 2021

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

Via the internet, please click the link below to join the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95262662770>

Via telephone, please dial 1(312)626-6799 or 1(646)558-8656

Use Zoom Meeting ID: 952-6266-2770, when prompted for a Participant ID, press #

A. CALL TO ORDER

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, TAPinto and the Patch, 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.

B. ROLL CALL

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

1. Julius N. Coltre, Essex County Liaison
2. Earth Day - Proclamation

E. REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

F. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

G. HEARING ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2021-12 Salary Ordinance - Rent Control Board

H. PROPOSED ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2021-13 Bond - ADA Improvements at Town Hall and FN Brown Elementary School (\$195,000)

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

J. MINUTES

1. April 5, 2021 - Regular Meeting

K. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 2021-058 Authorize Competitive Contracting for RFP Contract No. 2021-01 - Professional Planning Services - Master Plan
2. Resolution No. 2021-059 Amending Publication Date of Introduction of 2021 Municipal Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-6

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| 3. | Resolution No. 2021-060 | Award Bid Contract No. 2019-13 – Proposed ADA Curb Ramp Improvements (\$74,643.25) |
| 4. | Resolution No. 2021-061 | Award Bid Contract No. 2019-13A – Proposed ADA Community Center Improvements (\$73,868.30) |
| 5. | Resolution No. 2021-062 | VMAC FY 2022 Grant Authorization |
| 6. | Resolution No. 2021-063 | Refund Tax Court Judgement – 25 Pompton Avenue |
| 7. | Resolution No. 2021-064 | Refund Escrow – 177 Grove Avenue |
| 8. | Resolution No. 2021-065 | Refund Escrow – 21 Howard Street |
| 9. | Resolution No. 2021-066 | Executive Session |

L. LICENSES AND PERMITS

M. ADDENDUM

N. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Continued discussion and to consider introduction of an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 390 “Property Maintenance” in its Entirety and Establishing a new Chapter 390 “Property Maintenance” of the Code of the Township of Verona
2. Continued discussion and to consider introduction of an Ordinance establishing A New Chapter 498 “Public Safety Radio Communications” of the Code of the Township of Verona
3. Continued discussion on local Cannabis regulation
4. Discussion on the Verona Environmental Commission’s recommendation restricting the use of commercially-delivered services using gas-powered leaf blowers

O. PUBLIC COMMENT

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)
 - Docket No. ESX-L-4773-15
(In All Declaratory Judgement Actions Filed by Various Municipalities, County of Essex, Pursuant to the Supreme Court’s Decision in In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96, 221 N.J. 1 (2015))
 - Sunset Avenue Redevelopment Plan
 - Essex Fells Water
 - Water Utility
 - 5G Consultant

Q. ADJOURNMENT

*The Public Comment period for the public hearing for ordinances and the Consent Agenda is limited to just those specific items. However, the public may speak on any matter during the Hearing Adoption or Amendment of Ordinance (listed on the agenda as item “G”), Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items (listed on the agenda as item “I”) or general Public Comment (listed on the agenda as item “O”) on this agenda. At that time, anyone from the public wishing to speak will be prompted to raise his/her virtual hand. You may do so by pressing the “raise hand” button on your monitor or, if dialing in by phone, press *9. You will be recognized and advised that you are unmuted. Your comments will be limited to four (4) minutes.*

Any member of the public may submit written communication in lieu of addressing the Township Council live during the Hearing Adoption or Amendment of Ordinance (listed on the agenda as item “G”), Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items (listed on the agenda as item “I”) or general Public Comment (listed on the agenda as item “O”) by sending comments to the Township Clerk via electronic mail at TownshipClerk@VeronaNJ.org or by written letter delivered to the Township Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. All written comments shall be read aloud during the public meeting at the appropriate time.