

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing platform (Meeting ID: 952 6266 2770).

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, 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. This meeting is being recorded, both audibly and visually for retention purposes and for rebroadcast on the Township's YouTube.

Roll Call:

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin J. Ryan and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Manager Matthew Cavallo, Township Attorney Victoria Lucidio of the Aloia Law Firm, LLC, Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan and Chief Financial Officer Matthew Laracy are also present. Councilman Giblin is absent this evening.

Mayor McEvoy leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

Discussion regarding the draft 2021 Municipal Budget. This evening, Chuck Molinaro, Supervisor of Public Works, Lenny Waterman, Supervisor of Building & Grounds, Mike DeCarlo, Engineering Manager and Jim Cunningham, Director of Community Services are present tonight as the discussion will cover Public Works, Street/Highway, Water/Sewer, Shade Trees, Engineering, Building & Grounds, the Community Pool, Recreation, Health and Senior Services.

Matt Laracy gives a presentation and overview of the proposed budget. He explains that this year was unprecedented due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He presents total tax levy increase of 2/25 per cent.

There is thorough discussion regarding the 2021 proposed budget. The next budget workshop will take place during a special meeting of the governing body on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the public meeting at 10:00 is moved by Councilman Ryan; seconded by Councilman Roman. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Jack McEvoy
Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: March 8, 2021