

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Wednesday, March 10, 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](http://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; Councilman Giblin 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.

Mayor McEvoy leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

Discussion regarding the draft 2021 Municipal Budget. This evening, Library Director Claudine Pascale, Construction Code Official Thomas Jacobsen, Director of Economic Development & Administration Steven Neale, Police Chief Christopher Kiernan and CFO Matthew Laracy are present tonight.

There is thorough discussion regarding the 2021 proposed budget.

Public Comment:

Chris Budes, 28 Sylvan Road, Verona, New Jersey

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:25 is moved by Councilman Giblin; seconded by Deputy Mayor Roman. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Kiernan*  
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

*Jack McEvoy*  
Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: March 22, 2021