

Minutes of a Reorganization Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, July 1, 2021 in the Ballroom of the Verona Community Center, 880 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan welcomes everyone and states the reason for the meeting is to swear in the newly elected officials: present are Councilman McEvoy, Councilman Roman and Councilwoman McGrath, Township Manager Matthew Cavallo and Township Attorney Brian Aloia.

Reverend Deacon Katherine Rollo of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit gives the invocation.

Jennifer Kiernan leads the Flag Salute and invites Ava Evans to the podium to sing the National Anthem.

Jennifer Kiernan reads the Open Public Meetings Act Statement of Compliance.

Ms. Kiernan also presents Councilman McEvoy, Councilwoman-Elect Cynthia Holland and Councilman-Elect Tamburro with the Certificates of Election.

Jack McEvoy is administered the oath of office as Councilmember-at Large by the Municipal Clerk. Councilman McEvoy gives his acceptance speech.

Cynthia Holland is administered the oath of office as Councilmember-at Large by Jim McGuire, Esquire. Councilwoman Holland gives her acceptance speech.

Christopher Tamburro is administered the oath of office as Councilmember-at Large by the Honorable Christopher S. Romanyshyn, J.S.C. Councilman Tamburro gives his acceptance speech.

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo calls the roll. Present are Councilman McEvoy, Councilman Roman, Councilwoman McGrath, Councilwoman Holland and Councilman Tamburro.

Election of Mayor:

The Municipal Clerk requests from the floor nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilman McEvoy nominates Alex Roman for Mayor; seconded by Councilman Tamburro.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, McEvoy, Roman

NAYS:

Alex Roman is administered the oath of office as Mayor for a term ending June 30, 2023 by Township Attorney Brian Aloia. Following the administration of the oath, Mayor Roman gives his acceptance speech.

Mayor Roman presides over the remainder of the meeting.

Election of Deputy Mayor:

Mayor Roman states now is the time for nominations for Deputy Mayor. The Mayor nominates Christine McGrath; seconded by Councilman Tamburro.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McGrath, McEvoy, Roman

NAYS:

Christine McGrath is administered the oath of office as Deputy Mayor for a term ending June 30, 2023 by Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan. Following the administration of the oath, Deputy Mayor McGrath gives her acceptance speech.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-097

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilman McEvoy that the following resolution be adopted:

**DESIGNATING THE REGULAR, CONFERENCE AND LEGAL MEETING DATES
OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR 2021-2022**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975, requires all public

bodies covered by said Act, at least once each year, and within seven (7) days following the annual reorganization meeting of such body, to post and maintain posted throughout the year a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex in the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The schedule of regular meetings of the Township Council of the Township of Verona will be held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey, as set forth in the schedule annexed hereto be and the same is hereby adopted; and
2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prominently post the schedule on the public bulletin located in the lobby of the Municipal Building, Verona, New Jersey; and
3. Special meetings may be held as and when necessary, with notice to be given as provided for in the Act on any meeting involving urgent matters; and
4. In the event that the approved schedule is hereafter revised, the revised schedule shall be posted and filed by the Municipal Clerk as required by the Act; and
5. The Municipal Clerk shall post a copy of this resolution and publish it in full in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and Newark Star Ledger.

SCHEDULE

Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey

Monday, July 19, 2021	Monday, January 24, 2022
Monday, August 2, 2021	Monday, February 7, 2022
Monday, August 16, 2021	Monday, February 28, 2022
Monday, September 20, 2021	Monday, March 21, 2022
Monday, October 4, 2021	Monday, April 4, 2022
Monday, October 18, 2021	Monday, April 25, 2022
Monday, November 8, 2021	Monday, May 9, 2022
Monday, November 22, 2021	Monday, May 23, 2022
Monday, December 6, 2021	Monday, June 13, 2022
Monday, December 20, 2021	Monday, June 27, 2022
Monday, January 3, 2022	Monday, July 11, 2022

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

New Business:

Council makes the following appointments to the Board of Adjustment on a motion from Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Mayor Roman:

i. Patrick Liska	Regular Member	Term Ending 6/30/2025
ii. Lawrence Lundy	Regular Member	Term Ending 6/30/2025
iii. Paul Mathewson	Alternate #2	Term Ending 6/30/2023

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Council makes the following appointments to the Planning Board on a motion from Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Councilman Tamburro:

i. Tim Camuti	Regular Member	Term Ending 6/30/2025
ii. Al DeOld	Regular Member	Term Ending 6/30/2025
iii. Jason Hyndman	Alternate #2	Term Ending 6/30/2023

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Council makes the following appointments to the Green Team on a motion from Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath:

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| i. Steven Neale | Chairperson | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |
| ii. William Battersby | Public Member 1 | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |
| iii. Kelly Drury | Public Member 2 | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |
| iv. Jonathan Hayter | Public Member 3 | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |
| v. Christine Liaukus | Public Member 4 | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |
| vi. Stephen Pope | Public Member 5 | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |
| vii. Laura Rainer | Public Member 6 | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |
| viii. Sandra Williams | Public Member 7 | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |
| ix. Danielle Zink | Public Member 8 | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |
| x. Kari Baureis | Environmental Comm. Liaison | Term Ending 6/30/2022 |

ROLL CALL:

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NAYS:

Council makes the following appointment to the Open Space Advisory Committee on a motion from Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Councilwoman Holland:

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| i. Chris Budesa | Public Member | Term Ending 6/30/2024 |
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ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Councilwoman Holland makes a motion to approve the Council representatives to Boards/Committees/Commissions; seconded by Councilman McEvoy:

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| a. Environmental Commission | Councilwoman Holland |
| b. Green Team | Deputy Mayor McGrath |
| c. Historical Preservation Commission | Councilman McEvoy |
| d. Municipal Alliance Committee | Deputy Mayor McGrath |
| e. Neighborhood Traffic & Safety Committee | Councilman Tamburro |
| f. Open Space Advisory Committee (2) | Mayor Roman & Councilman Tamburro |
| g. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee | Councilwoman Holland |
| h. Planning Board - Class III Member | Councilman McEvoy |
| i. Shade Tree Commission | Deputy Mayor McGrath |

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Public Participation:

Julius Coltre, Essex County Deputy Administrator
Bob Gordon, Commissioner, BPU, Former Mayor of Fair Lawn, New Jersey
Kevin Ryan, 92 Elmwood Road, Verona, New Jersey

Municipal Clerk introduces Dylan Frey who will sing God Bless America.

Reverend Lynn Rubier-Capron, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Verona gives the benediction.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting is moved by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilman Tamburro. Vote: 5 ayes.

The meeting is adjourned at 6:23 p.m. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Kiernan
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Alex Roman
Alex Roman, Mayor

APPROVED: July 19, 2021