

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

RESOLUTION No. 2021-015

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

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
SUPPORT OFFICE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Federal law permits the Secretary of Defense to transfer to Federal and State agencies personal property of the Department of Defense that the secretary determines is suitable for use by agencies in law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, known as the "Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program", this program allows local law enforcement agencies to obtain, at little or no cost, surplus federal property originally intended for use by the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, although equipment is provided through the "Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program" at no cost to county and municipal law enforcement agencies, these agencies are responsible for costs associated with the maintenance, fueling and upkeep of the equipment and for specialized training for its operation; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers are the primary consumers and financiers of services provided by county and municipal law enforcement agencies and have the right to be assured that their money is being spent in an efficient and effective manner and the right to know the purposes for which public funds are utilized; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish a system of local oversight for county and municipal law enforcement agencies that participate in and acquire equipment through the "Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program" and guidelines for the use of this equipment by those agencies; and

WHEREAS, an application for the enrollment of a municipal law enforcement agency in any program established by the United States Department of Defense pursuant to 10 U.S.C. s.2576a shall be approved by a resolution adopted by a majority of the full membership of the governing body of a local unit prior to the transmittal of any such application to the State Coordinator of any such program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize and approve participation in the "Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program" established by the United States Department of Defense pursuant to 10 U.S.C. s.2576a.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, Chief of Police and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to make application for the enrollment on behalf of the Township of Verona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager is hereby authorized to approve the acquisition of any property deemed appropriate under this agreement.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

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 JANUARY 4, 2021.


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

