

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

JANUARY 24, 2022

****THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON****

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 600 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE

and

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 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. Appointment **Term Expires**
 - a. Library Board of Trustees
 - i. Benjamin Blinder Mayor's Designee 6/30/2023

E. REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

1. PFAS MCL Compliance - Update
2. Appointment **Term Expires**
 - a. Shade Tree Commission
 - i. Carol Thomas Public Member 12/31/2027
 - ii. Michael Broadwell Alternate #1 12/31/2027
3. Children's Fund Update/Report
4. Rent Board Secretary 4th Quarter Report

F. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

G. HEARING ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2021-29 Ordinance Fixing Open Space Committee
2. Ordinance No. 2022-01 Amending Chapter 18, Article II (Environmental Commission) to Change the Appointing Authority
3. Ordinance No. 2022-02 Repealing and Establishing a New Chapter 12 (Claims, Payment of)

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- 4. Ordinance No. 2022-03 2021 Salary Ordinance – Exempt Employees
- 5. Ordinance No. 2022-04 2022 Salary Ordinance – Exempt Employees

H. PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance No. 2022-05 Amending Chapter A565-1 (Schedule of Fees) of the Code of the Township of Verona to Amend Basic Water Consumption Rates

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

J. MINUTES

- 1. January 6, 2022 Special Meeting
- 2. January 13, 2022 Special Meeting
- 3. January 15, 2022 Special Meeting
- 4. January 17, 2022 Special Meeting
- 5. January 20, 2022 Special Meeting

K. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution No. 2022-024 Executive Session (1/20/2022 Special Meeting)
- 2. Resolution No. 2022-025 Budget Transfers ***
- 3. Resolution No. 2022-026 Approving Contract – Special Counsel (Special Litigation and Bond Counsel – McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC)
- 4. Resolution No. 2022-027 Approving Contract – Special Counsel (Tax Appeals - Law Offices of Michael A. DeMiro, Jr.)
- 5. Resolution No. 2022-028 Authorizing the Execution of the Bergen Municipal Employee Health Insurance Fund Indemnification and Trust Agreement
- 6. Resolution No. 2022-029 Authorizing the Execution of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund Indemnification and Trust Agreement
- 7. Resolution No. 2022-030 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Rent Board Attorney
- 8. Resolution No. 2022-031 Approving Tax Appeal Settlement with GAHC3, NJ MOB, LLC
- 9. Resolution No. 2022-032 Approving Contract – Lyons Environmental Services, LLC
- 10. Resolution No. 2022-033 Allowing Engineer to Execute Permit Applications on Behalf of the Township
- 11. Resolution No. 2022-034 Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- 12. Resolution No. 2022-035 Tax Lien Redemption – 63 Harrison Street
- 13. Resolution No. 2022-036 Refund Escrow – 1 Cypress Avenue
- 14. Resolution No. 2022-037 Refund Escrow – 21/25 Grove Avenue
- 15. Resolution No. 2022-038 Authorizing a Contract with Joseph O. D’Arco as Township Manager (effective February 7, 2022)
- 16. Resolution No. 2022-039 Executive Session

L. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- 1. Municipal Clerk’s 4th Quarter Raffle Report

M. ADDENDUM

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N. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Continued discussion on Stormwater Management
2. Continued discussion on 2021-2023 Goals
3. Appointments
 - a. Rent Control Board **Term Ending**
 - i. Alex Graziano, Esq., Board Attorney 6/30/2022

O. PUBLIC COMMENT

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel Matters pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)
 - Township Manager vacancy - employment, appointment, terms & conditions of employment
2. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)
 - Marve Development Corporation

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.