

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, beginning at 7:04 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey and via Zoom video conferencing platform.

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 and in person. The time and date, 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 Verona/Cedar Grove 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 Alex Roman, Deputy Mayor Christine McGrath, Councilman Jack McEvoy, Councilwoman Cynthia Holland and Councilman Chris Tamburro. Township Manager Joseph D'Arco, Township Attorney Brian Aloia and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present along with Interim Chief Financial Officer Jen Muscara.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items:

None

RESOLUTION No. 2022-062

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

PERMITTING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
 - a. Purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (5)*
 - i. 4 Arnold Way

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

New/Unfinished Business:

2022 Municipal Budget Discussion. Chief Christopher Kiernan is present to discuss the Police Department's budget. Superintendent of Public Works, Chuck Molinaro and Principal Public Works Manager, Lenny Waterman discuss the Department of Public Works, Engineering, Water & Sewer Utility and Buildings & Grounds' budget. Director of Community Services, Jim Cunningham discusses the Community Services, Recreation and Pool Utility budget.

Public Comment:

None.

Mayor Roman states that Council will be entering into Executive Session but will not take any official action when returning to Public Session. Council enters into Executive Session at 9:47 p.m.

Council returns into Public Session at 10:38 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilman Tamburro at 10:39 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Township Council is March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Alex Roman, Mayor

APPROVED: April 4, 2022