

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, May 9, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. 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. 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 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.

Roll Call:

Mayor Alex Roman, Deputy Mayor Christine McGrath, Councilman Jack McEvoy, Councilwoman Cynthia Holland and Councilman Chris Tamburro are present. Township Manager Joe D'Arco, Township Attorney Brian Aloia and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Roman invites Essex County liaison Julius Coltre to the lectern. Mr. Coltre reports that vaccinations and testing will be held at the Sears in Livingston, 112 Eisenhower Parkway on Thursdays and Fridays from 2-7pm and Saturdays from 8am - 2pm. Essex County's Electronic Waste Drop Off will be held at 99 Bradford Avenue in Cedar Grove on May 21st from 9am - noon. The County's shredding event will be held in the same location on June 4th from 9am - 2pm.

Mayor Roman went to the grand opening of the Headshop Bar on Grove Avenue. He reminds the public that the Interfaith Service will be held in the Civic Center next Saturday at 5pm. The Mayor congratulates MKA High School student and resident of Verona, Patricia Columbia Walsh for being named the 2022 Essex County Athletic Directors Association Scholastic Athlete Award. Sadly, long time Verona volunteer fire fighter Dave Shatzel passed away. Arrangements will be forthcoming. Mayor Roman announced there are six (6) proclamations on tonight's meeting. Each Councilmember will read a proclamation. Some will read two.

- National Police Week (5/15-5/21/2022) Read by Councilman Tamburro
- National Emergency Medical Services Week (5/15-5/21/2022) Read by Mayor Roman
- Jewish American Heritage Month Read by Deputy Mayor McGrath
- Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month Read by Deputy Mayor McGrath
- Older Americans Month Read by Councilwoman Holland
- Building Safety Month Read by Councilman McEvoy

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Joe D'Arco reports that his team met with Jacobs Engineering regarding the PFAS Remediation. He states that Jacobs intends to shorten the time frame of the project. Mr. D'Arco will have a timeline soon. He also reports that the Township is in the process of preparing a bid package for the storm drain maintenance program. The Road Opening Ordinance and Utility Pole Ordinance will be posted for the public prior to the next meeting and a discussion will take place including public comment for those ordinances. Councilwoman Holland states that legislation was passed last week concerning infrastructure projects involving utilities and municipal right of ways. She is happy to provide the Township Attorney with that legislation. Mr. D'Arco and staff met in regards to the Collier's plan for remediation of the wells. Department Heads will be sending him their comments and afterwards it will be sent to the Council. Mr. D'Arco met with the County Executive and was granted permission to lower the Verona Lake pre-storms. Mr. D'Arco has distributed a list of ordinances that the governing body had discussed before his arrival in Verona. That list will be added to as other items come up and ordinances removed as they are completed.

Temporary Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Muscara explains the changes to the Budget, specifically in the Pool Utility. The final amount to be raised by taxes is, as a result, decreased by \$1,500.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-094

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

PERMITTING 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex did in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5* introduced and approved the annual budget for the Township at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council on April 4, 2022 via Zoom video conference; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-6*, the annual budget as introduced and approved was published by summary in the Star Ledger, a newspaper circulated within the Township of Verona at least 10 days prior to May 9, 2022, the date set forth in the advertisement for public hearing to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Township Council at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of *N.J.S.A.40A:4-8* have been met by making for available for public inspection a complete copy of the approved budget at least one week prior to the date of the hearing and by making copies of said approved budget available to each person requesting the same during the said week and during the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that pursuant with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8*, the Township Council hereby determines that the Municipal Budget for the year 2021 shall be read by its title and it is further declared that the conditions as set forth in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8* have been met.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Public Hearing on 2022 Municipal Budget:

None.

Deputy Mayor McGrath thanks Ms. Muscara for her work in this year's Budget. Mayor Roman comments that this was a challenging time to create the Budget and thanks Ms. Muscara for her hard work.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-095

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 APPROVED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2022 was approved on the 4th day of April, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said Budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous to amend said Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex that the following amendments to the approved budget for 2022 be made:

DEDICATED SWIMMING UTILITY BUDGET From To (MEMO)

10. Dedicated Revenues from Swimming Utility:			
Operating Surplus Anticipated	\$146,130.00	\$154,130.00	\$ 8,000.00
<hr/>			
Total Operating Surplus Anticipated	\$146,130.00	\$154,130.00	\$ 8,000.00
<hr/>			
Rent/Fees	\$480,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Pool Capital Surplus	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 43,500.00	(\$ 36,500.00)
<hr/>			
Total Swimming Revenues	\$816,130.00	\$814,630.00	(\$ 1,500.00)
<hr/>			
11. Appropriations for Swimming Utility:			
Operating:			
Salaries and Wages	\$359,500.00	\$358,000.00	(\$ 1,500.00)
<hr/>			
Total Swimming Utility Appropriations	\$816,130.00	\$814,630.00	(\$ 1,500.00)
<hr/>			

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the public hearing on the budget has been advertised and will be on May 9, 2022 as it is necessary to amend the approved Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith the office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the 2022 Local Municipal Budget, so amended.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this is a true copy of a resolution to amend the Budget, adopted by the Governing Body on the 9th day of May, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2022-096

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

ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Township of Verona for the 2022 calendar year.

General Appropriations:	<u>Year 2022</u>
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 19,246,412.00
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 5,544,807.13
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	<u>\$ 1,810,500.00</u>
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	\$ 26,601,719.13
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	\$ (8,486,121.93)
6. Less: Minimum Library Tax (Item 6(c), Sheet 11)	<u>\$ (902,010.00)</u>
7. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	\$ 17,213,587.20

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget was published in the April 4, 2022 edition of the Star Ledger, an official newspaper of the Township of Verona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held at a

regular meeting of the governing body held via Zoom video conference on May 9 at 7 o'clock p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2022 was presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that copies of the budget were available in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Township of Verona, at the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The budget was also posted on the Township's webpage at www.veronanj.org. All persons interested in the proposed budget had an opportunity to address the Township Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona does hereby adopt the preceding as the Budget for the 2022 year.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

The 2022 Municipal Budget is approved by a vote of 5-0

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McGrath sends her condolences to the Shatzel family. The MIAAC met April 27 and discussed a calendar of multicultural events and ideas for Pride Month. She attended the Eid- al-Adha celebration at the Islamic mosque, which was wonderful. The Shade Tree Commission held a seminar for their commission members and DPW and discussed the recent trends in shade trees. This afternoon's meeting was cancelled and the Commission will meet in June.

Councilman McEvoy sends his condolences to the Shatzel family and the Yobs family. He thanks Michael and Elina Rosenblum for sharing their poetry and folk songs during the Ukrainian ceremony and flag raising. The Councilman attended the grand opening of the Head Shot bar.

Councilman Tamburro met with the team from the 40th legislative district, who will be very visible in the West Essex area. He congratulates David Held, George Donnelly and John Stockelberg for receiving their Eagle Scout badges last Saturday. They are all active in their school and in the community. The Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee will meet tomorrow. The Councilman sends his condolences to the Shatzel and Yobs families.

Councilwoman Holland addresses those Verona families who have lost loved ones, her heart goes out to them and she offers her deepest sympathies. She thanks the Mayor for having each of Council member read the beautiful Proclamations this evening. She chose to read the Proclamation recognizing our elder population, because she has personally benefited from the mentorship and advice of her elders. It is significant that we continue to remember all citizens in our fair community - including seniors. An inclusive community, as we aspire to be, engages our senior population as well as our families and other residents. She acknowledges the continued heavy rains we sustained recently. Increased precipitation is an unfortunate consequence of climate change that we must realize as reality. Councilwoman Holland praises Mr. D'Arco for taking the proactive step of coordinating with the County to lower the Verona Lake ahead of the storm. While we did not realize any flash flooding in the storm, it was a possibility and it is critical that we take proactive steps to mitigate flooding. The lowering of Verona lake should be a regular occurrence ahead of major storms. She also addresses Mr. D'Arco's efforts on the storm drains and looks forward to seeing our drains regularly cleared. Clearing those drains not only helps with localized flooding in neighborhoods, but also helps with water quality in the Peckman - reducing the silt accumulating in the river. She was a speaker on a panel for the State Bar Association on Electric Vehicles about make-ready programs for new developments. The Verona Environmental Commission has a meeting coming up later this week and encourages residents to engage in their upcoming clean ups - including on National Trails Day. The Verona Park Conservancy has their spring planting this weekend. So if you'd like to get dirty, this is a great opportunity to do so. Finally, she recognizes that Our Lady of the Lake celebrated the First Holy Communion of, with approximately 95 boys and girls this past weekend and the weekend before. This occasion is a tremendous milestone that took (at least) two years of Sunday school - including virtual Sunday school classes in the Pandemic.

Hearing Adoption or Amendment Ordinances:

ORDINANCE No. 2022-12

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A565-5, RECREATION
DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY CENTER FEES, OF THE CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2022-12 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2022-12 is moved by Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Councilman McEvoy.

Public Hearing:

None.

Council discussion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2022-12 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2022-13

**FIXING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN PART TIME
PAID EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE
2022 CALENDAR YEAR**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2022-13 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2022-13 is moved by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilman Tamburro.

Public Hearing:

None.

No Council discussion

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2022-13 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-14

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SITE LEASE FOR THE
OPERATION OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ANTENNAS AND
RELATED FACILITIES AT 880 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, VERONA, NJ TO
DISH WIRELESS, LLC**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2022-14 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2022-14 is moved by Mayor Roman; seconded by Councilman McEvoy.

Public Hearing:

None.

No Council discussion

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2022-13 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2022-15

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE SWIMMING POOL WATER SLIDES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2022-15 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2022-15 is moved by Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Councilman Tamburro.

Public Hearing:
None.

No Council discussion

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman
NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2022-13 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

Minutes from the April 25, 2022 Meeting are approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items:

None.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-097

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

ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF A 2022 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has been awarded a Local Recreation Improvement grant in the sum of \$75,000 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Division of Local Government Services to help Verona ensure public access to quality outdoor recreation and community resources; and

WHEREAS, this grant will help fund the zero entry baby pool at the Verona Community Pool project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township of Verona is hereby authorized to accept for this grant in the amount of \$75,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, Municipal Clerk and any other officer deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept this grant.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2022-098

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH L&P INTEGRATION

WHEREAS, the Township is required to implement a Cyber Security Plan for the Township’s water system in order to comply with the Asset Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township received two quotes to perform this work; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Systems & Controls bid \$13,900 and L&P Integration (“L&P”) bid \$12,500; and

WHEREAS, L&P will prepare a Cyber Security Plan that includes a vulnerability assessment, recommended solutions to reduce risks, create a backup plan and programs to provide assistance filing forms required to meet standards; and

WHEREAS, the water system of the Township of Verona also requires repairs to the computer tower for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (SCADA), a combination of hardware and software enabling the capture of data within, and automation of, industrial processes of the water system by connecting sensors that monitor equipment such as motors, pumps and valves to an onsite or remote server; and

WHEREAS, the Township received two quotes to perform this work; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Systems & Controls, Inc. bid \$10,900 and L&P Integration bid \$8,500; and

WHEREAS, L&P will perform a main site PLPCC replacement, including the repair of software corruption caused by Windows updates, license retrieval from ICONICS and Bristol, installation and programming including on-site testing and set up; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends that a contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsive bidder, L&P, in the amount of \$8,500; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00 but will not exceed the Township’s bid threshold of \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to award contracts for the services listed shall be charged to the budget accounts or capital ordinances listed on the availability of funds, a copy of said Certification is annexed to this Resolution as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to Patrick Dorsey DBA L&P Integration is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5* and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form completed by Patrick Dorsey DBA L&P Integration have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution as Exhibit C; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Patrick Dorsey DBA L&P Integration, 941 Home Grove Drive, Winter Garden, Florida, 34787 is hereby awarded a contract for implementing a Cyber Security Plan to comply with the Asset Management Plan and provide repairs and license retrieval of the computer tower of the SCADA system for a total amount of \$21,000, not to exceed \$44,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2022-099

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NEAL SYSTEMS INC. ("NSI")

WHEREAS, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (SCADA) for the water system of the Township of Verona, involves a combination of hardware and software enabling the capture of data within, and automation of, industrial processes of the water system by connecting sensors that monitor equipment such as motors, pumps and valves to an onsite or remote server; and

WHEREAS, the SCADA System requires updates to the meters, controls and other hardware for all the wells; and

WHEREAS, the SCADA System also requires IP re-addressing to a private network for security purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township received two quotes to perform this work; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Systems & Controls bid for \$26,500 and Neal Systems, Inc. ("NSI") bid for \$23,125; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends that a contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsive bidder, NSI, in the amount of \$23,125; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00 but will not exceed the Township's bid threshold of \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to award contracts for the services listed shall be charged to the budget accounts or capital ordinances listed on the availability of funds, a copy of said Certification is annexed to this Resolution as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to Neal Systems Inc. is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5* and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form completed by NSI have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution as Exhibit C; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Neal Systems Inc. ("NSI") is hereby awarded a contract for updates to the meters, controls and other hardware for all of the Township's wells and for IP re-addressing to a private network for security purposes for a total amount of \$23,500, not to exceed \$44,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2022-100

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilman Tamburro 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 Council 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. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*
 - b. Personnel Matters pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)*
 - c. Purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (5)*

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2022-101

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

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THE SLIDE EXPERTS

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes the water slides at the Community Pool are in dire need of refurbishment; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022 a Notice to Bidders for Contract #2022-06 "Water Slide Refurbishment at the Community Pool" was published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times, the official newspaper of the Township, and a bid opening was held on February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, no bids were received for Contact #2022-06; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022 a Notice to Bidders for Contract 2022-06A "Water Slide Refurbishment at Community Pool - Rebid" was published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times, the official newspaper of the Township, and a bid opening was held on February 23, 2022 and again, no bids were received; and

WHEREAS, if not refurbished, the water slides at the Community Pool would not be in service for the 2022 pool season; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Administration, Steven Neale and Supervisor of Building and Grounds, Len Waterman solicited firms from across the country being that no bids were received by firms located in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, AquaShield Products, LLC located at 5896 Chandler Court in Westerville, OH 43082 and the Slide Experts located at 511 Nob Hill Trail in Franktown, CO 80116 were discovered and are accomplished and knowledgeable in the refurbishment of commercial water slides ; and

WHEREAS, when notified that the work needed to begin in time for the opening of the 2022 pool season AquaShield was not available to perform the work in that time frame; and

WHEREAS, the Slide Experts were able to confirm availability and complete the project in time for the opening of the 2022 pool season; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services is \$65,000; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to award contracts for the services listed shall be charged to the budget accounts or capital ordinances listed on the availability of funds, a copy of said Certification is annexed to this Resolution as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to the Slide Experts is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5* and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form completed by the Slide Experts have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Council have unanimously expressed their desire to have the project complete so that the members of the Community Pool will have full access to the water slides for the 2022 season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Slide Experts of 511 Nob Hill Trail in Franktown, CO 80116 is hereby awarded a contract for refurbishment of the water slides at the community pool, not to exceed \$65,000.00 and can begin work as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Council discusses a draft ordinance entitled, "Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Specifically Chapter 150 Section 11.7 Entitled Plant Selection and Placement." The ordinance will be on the May 23 meeting agenda for Introduction. Council also discusses an ordinance "Forming and Establishing the Verona-Cedar Grove Flood Control Board and Establishing a New Chapter 265 of the Code of the Township of Verona." Deputy Mayor McGrath questions what the benefits of this Board is now that the Township of Verona has met with the NJDEP, Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill's office as well as the Army Corp of Engineers. Mr. D'Arco will schedule a meeting with The Township Manager of Cedar Grove and discuss the purpose, intent and authority Cedar Grove envisions and report back to the Council.

Councilman Tamburro discusses the Memorial Day Parade and has recommended the Township include a Grand Marshall and other individuals who have served in the armed forces. Mayor Roman will name a Grand Marshall at the May 23, 2022 Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor McGrath reports that the Health & Wellness subcommittee is waiting for the County's Health Assessment Plan. Councilman Tamburro states that the Shared Services subcommittee is looking to set up informal meetings with neighboring municipalities to discuss and identify potential Shared Service Agreements.

The Township Attorney, Brian Aloia states the next item on the agenda, a hearing requested by Ajaco Towing is adjourned until further notice.

Public Comment:

Kevin Ryan, 92 Elmwood Road, Verona, New Jersey

Jessica Pearson, 20 Montclair Avenue, Verona, New Jersey


Council enters into Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. and Mayor Roman states no official action will be taken when coming back to Public Session and adjourning the meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Councilman McEvoy at 12:27 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Township Council is May 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Alex Roman, Mayor

APPROVED: May 23, 2022