

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, June 12, 2023, beginning at 7:00 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 Act.

Roll Call:

Mayor Alex Roman, Deputy Mayor Christine McGrath, Councilman Jack McEvoy, Councilwoman Cynthia Holland and Councilman Christopher Tamburro are present. Township Attorney Brian Aloia, Township Manager Joseph D'Arco and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present as well as Steven Neale, Director of Administration and Economic Development.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Roman invites Essex County Liaison, J. Coltre to the lectern. Mr. Coltre reports on dates for the County's Fourth of July fireworks celebrations. He reports to the Council that he has mentioned the dead trees by the playground in Verona Park to the Parks Director.

Mayor Roman thanks everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Parade. He thanks the County for organizing the Valerie Fund Walk/Run in Verona Park. He states that the Planning Board will be wrapping up the 1 Sunset application at their June 22 meeting.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Joe D'Arco invites the Township's Affordable Housing Team, Jaime Placek of DeCotiis, Dan Hauben of DMR and Laura Mongello, the Township's Affordable Housing Agent to the lectern to follow up on the Township's Affordable Housing obligations as a result of their settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing, specific the Affordable Housing Development Fee ordinance on tonight's agenda for public hearing/adoption as well as four (4) resolutions requiring adoption by the governing body that are necessary to fulfill the September 2021 settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing in response to a court order regarding the Township's affordable housing obligations. Upon approval of the ordinance and resolutions, the Affordable Housing team will then return to the court appointed Special Master and upon review, schedule a final hearing for a judgement to protect the Township from builders remedy lawsuits and interveners. The Council is reminded that adopting these documents is a requirement of their settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing and nothing contained within the ordinance or resolutions is negotiable.

Public Comment:

Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey  
Ryan Bomba, Verona, New Jersey

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18**

**REPEALING ARTICLE XIX OF CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING WITH A NEW  
ARTICLE XIX-AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-18 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-18 is moved by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilman McEvoy.

Public Hearing:

None.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

Ordinance No. 2023-18 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-119**

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

**ADOPTING AN "AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN" FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with applicable Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") regulations, the New Jersey Uniform Housing Affordability Controls ("UHAC") (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26., et seq.), and the terms of a Settlement Agreement between the Township of Verona and Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC"), which was entered into as part of the Township's Declaratory Judgment action entitled In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, Docket No. ESX-L-2778-18, which was filed in response to Supreme Court decision In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1, 30 (2015) ("Mount Laurel IV"), the Township of Verona is required to adopt an Affirmative Marketing Plan to ensure that all affordable housing units created are affirmatively marketed to low and moderate income households, particularly those living and/or working within Housing Region 2, the COAH Housing Region encompassing the Township of Verona.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby adopt the Affirmative Marketing Plan described below and the grid-form Plan attached to this resolution.

**Affirmative Marketing Plan**

- A. The Affirmative Marketing Plan is a regional marketing strategy designed to attract buyers and/or renters of all majority and minority groups, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital or familial status, gender, affectional or sexual orientation, disability, age or number of children to housing units which are being marketed by a developer or sponsor of affordable housing. The Affirmative Marketing Plan is also intended to target those potentially eligible persons who are least likely to apply for affordable units in that region. It is a continuing program that directs all marketing activities toward the COAH Housing Region in which the municipality is located and covers the entire period of the deed restriction for each restricted housing unit. The Township of Verona is located in COAH Housing Region 2, consisting of Essex, Morris, Union, and Warren Counties.
- B. The Township of Verona has a plan to address both its Prior Round Obligation (1987-1999) and its Third Round Obligation (1999-2025). This Affirmative Marketing Plan shall apply to all developments that contain or will contain very low, low and moderate income units, including those that are part of the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and those that may be constructed in future developments not yet anticipated by the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.
- C. The Affirmative Marketing Plan shall be implemented by the Administrative Agent under contract to the Township of Verona, or the Administrative Agent of any specific developer approved by the Township.
- D. All of the costs of advertising and affirmatively marketing affordable housing units shall be borne by the developers/sellers/owners of affordable unit(s), and all such advertising and affirmative marketing shall be subject to approval and oversight by the designated Township Administrative Agent.
- E. The implementation of the Affirmative Marketing Plan for a development that includes affordable housing shall commence at least 120 days before the issuance of either a temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy. The implementation of the Affirmative Marketing Plan shall continue until all very low, low and moderate income housing units are initially occupied and for as long as the affordable units remain deed restricted such that qualifying new tenants and/or purchasers continues to be necessary.
- F. The Affirmative Marketing Plan is a continuing program that shall be followed throughout the entire period of affordability restrictions. In implementing the Affirmative

Marketing Plan, the Administrative Agent, whether acting on behalf of the Township of Verona or on behalf of a specific developer, shall meet the following requirements and shall undertake, at the minimum, all of the following strategies:

1. The primary marketing shall take the form of at least one press release and a paid display advertisement in the below newspapers the first week of the marketing program and each month thereafter until all units are leased or sold. Additional advertising and publicity shall be on an "as needed" basis. The developer/owner shall disseminate all public service announcements and pay for display advertisements. The developer/owner shall provide proof of all publications to the Administrative Agent. All press releases and advertisements shall be approved in advance by the Administrative Agent.
  2. The advertisement shall, at a minimum, include a description of the:
    - a. Location of the units;
    - b. Directions to the units;
    - c. Range of prices for the units;
    - d. Size, as measured in bedrooms, of units;
    - e. Maximum income permitted to qualify for the units;
    - f. Location of applications;
    - g. Business hours when interested households may obtain an application;
    - h. Application fees.
  3. All newspaper articles, announcements, and requests for applications for very low, low- and moderate-income units shall appear in the newspapers of publication identified in the grid-form Affirmative Marketing Plan attached to this resolution.
  4. Publication of the advertisement or application on the New Jersey Housing Resource Center's website ([www.njhrc.gov](http://www.njhrc.gov)).
  5. One or more of the regional cable television stations or regional radio stations shall be used. The developer must provide satisfactory proof of public dissemination on at least one station that covers entire region. Applications, brochure(s), sign(s) and/or poster(s) used as part of the affirmative marketing program shall provide for posting locations listed on the grid-form Affirmative Marketing Plan attached to this resolution.
  6. The Township's Administrative Agent, or the Administrative Agent of a specific developer, shall comply with all requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:27D-321.3 et seq. with regard to the affirmative marketing of affordable housing units.
- G. Applications shall be mailed by the Township's Administrative Agent and Municipal Housing Liaison, or by the Administrative Agent of any specific developer, to prospective applicants upon request. Also, applications shall be available at the developer's sales/rental office and application forms shall be mailed to the organizations listed on the grid-form Affirmative Marketing Plan attached to this resolution.
- H. The Township's Administrative Agent shall develop, maintain and update a list of community contact person(s) and/or organizations(s) in Essex, Morris, Union, and Warren Counties that will aid in the affirmative marketing program with particular emphasis on contacts that will reach out to groups that are least likely to apply for housing within the region, including major regional employers.
- I. The Township's Administrative Agent shall develop, maintain and update a list of major employers in Essex, Morris, Union, and Warren Counties that will aid in the affirmative marketing program.
- J. A random selection method to select occupants of very low, low- and moderate-income housing will be used by the Township's Administrative Agent, or the Administrative Agent of any specific developer, in conformance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16 (l). This Affirmative Marketing Plan provides a regional preference for very low, low and moderate income households that live and/or work in COAH Housing Region 2, which

is comprised of Essex, Morris, Union, and Warren Counties. Pursuant to the New Jersey Fair Housing Act (C.52:27D-311), a preference for very low, low and moderate income veterans duly qualified under N.J.A.C. 54:4-8.10 may also be exercised, provided an agreement to this effect has been executed between the developer or landlord and the Township prior to the affirmative marketing of the units.

- K. The Township's Administrative Agent, or the Administrative Agent of any specific developer, shall administer the Affirmative Marketing Plan. The Administrative Agent has the responsibility to income qualify very low, low and moderate income households; to place income eligible households in very low, low and moderate income units upon initial occupancy; to provide for the initial occupancy of very low, low and moderate income units with income qualified households; to continue to qualify households for re-occupancy of units as they become vacant during the period of affordability controls; to assist with outreach to very low, low and moderate income households; and to enforce the terms of the deed restriction and mortgage loan as per N.J.A.C. 5:80-26-1, et seq.
- L. The Township's Administrative Agent, or the Administrative Agent of any specific developer, shall provide or direct qualified very low, low and moderate income applicants to counseling services on subjects such as budgeting, credit issues, mortgage qualifications, rental lease requirements and landlord/tenant law and shall develop, maintain and update a list of entities and lenders willing and able to perform such services.
- M. All developers/owners of very low, low and moderate income housing units shall be required to undertake and pay the costs of the marketing of the affordable units in their respective developments, subject to the direction and supervision of the Township's Administrative Agent.
- N. The Township's Administrative Agent shall provide the Affordable Housing Liaison with the information required to comply with monitoring and reporting requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26-1, et seq.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate Township officials and professionals are authorized to take all actions required to implement the terms of this Resolution and the attached grid-form Affirmative Marketing Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-120**

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

**APPROVING THE SPENDING PLAN COMPONENT OF THE 2023 THIRD  
ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2021, the Township of Verona ("Township") entered into a Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") that established the Township's Prior Round and Third Round Fair Share obligations including both "new construction" and "rehabilitation" obligations and preliminarily approved the Township's compliance mechanisms to address those obligations consistent with the New Jersey Supreme Court's March 10, 2015 "Mount Laurel IV" decision. That Supreme Court decision transferred the responsibility of reviewing and approving municipal fair share plans from the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") to designated Mount Laurel trial judges within the Superior Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Judge Robert H. Gardner, J.S.C. filed an Order of Fairness on September 15, 2021 approving the above referenced Settlement Agreement, finding it to be fair to the Region's low- and moderate-income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board of the Township of Verona adopted its 2023 Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“Fair Share Plan”) satisfying the requirements of that Settlement Agreement and Judge Gardner’s Fairness Order on May 25, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Verona endorsed the adopted Fair Share Plan at a properly-noticed public meeting on June 12, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Share Plan includes a Spending Plan component, as required by COAH’s rules at N.J.A.C. 5:93-5.1(c), which projects anticipated revenues to and expenditures from the Township’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund through the end of the Third Round; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spending Plan must be adopted by the Township Council as a separate action from the Planning Board’s adoption of the Fair Share Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Council of the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey, hereby adopts the Spending Plan component of the 2023 Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-121**

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

**ENDORISING THE PLANNING BOARD ADOPTED 2023 THIRD ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board of the Township of Verona, Essex County, State of New Jersey (“Planning Board”) adopted a Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on May 25, 2023 at a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28* and N.J.A.C. 5:93 and the Court-approved Settlement Agreement between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center that established the Township’s Fair Share Obligation and outlined the Township’s compliance mechanisms toward that obligation; and

**WHEREAS**, the rules of the Council on Affordable Housing at N.J.A.C. 5:91-2.2.(a) require that the Township Council endorse the Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Planning Board.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, Essex County, State of New Jersey, hereby endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as adopted by the Planning Board on May 25, 2023.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-122**

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE TOWNSHIP’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board of the Township of Verona, Essex County, State of New Jersey (“PB”) adopted a Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on May 25, 2023

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D- 28, and N.J.A.C. 5:93, and the Court approved Settlement Agreement between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center that established the Township’s fair share obligation and outlined the Township’s compliance mechanisms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council endorsed the Plan on June 12, 2023 at a properly-noticed public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan includes a number of compliance mechanisms, such as a Rehabilitation Program to be administered in part by the County of Essex and the remainder by the Township, fifty-nine (59) existing age-restricted apartments at Hillwood Senior Housing, ninety-five (95) new municipally sponsored family rental units in the Depot and Pine Redevelopment Area, fifteen (15) new affordable family renters in an inclusionary project at 1 Sunset Avenue, and eleven (11) existing special needs bedrooms around the Township;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State’s affordable housing regulations and policies, and the conditions of the Court-approved FSHC Settlement Agreement, in order to assure the creditworthiness of the various compliance mechanisms included in its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, the Township must demonstrate adequate and stable funding sources; and

**WHEREAS**, since the Township is committed to securing judicial approval of its Affordable Housing Plan, in order to provide an adequate and stable funding source for the components of the Township’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, the Township shall rely on the funds in its Affordable Housing Trust Fund, established by its Development Fee Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, if -- after exhausting every potential funding source and every valid compliance technique -- the Township still cannot secure sufficient financing to completely satisfy its affordable housing obligations without raising or expending municipal revenues in order to provide low- and moderate-income housing, the Township will cover such costs through bonding and/or other legal means; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court has indicated its intent to review the Township’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and the Township wishes to leave no question as to the Township’s intent to cover the cost of implementing its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan or any modification thereof that may be necessary as a result of the Court’s review.

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

1. In order to provide adequate and stable funding for its rental housing rehabilitation program and the ninety-five (95) municipally sponsored family rental units in its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and in order to maintain the timetables set forth in the Settlement Agreement between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center, Verona Township shall make a *bona fide*, diligent, and good faith effort to exhaust the potential funding sources included in “A Guide to Affordable Housing Funding Sources” (“Funding Guide”), dated October 28, 2008, and currently posted on COAH’s official website, any updates thereto, or any more recently published and relevant guidance.
2. The Township shall also maximize use of the funds from its Development Fee

Ordinance to facilitate the economic feasibility of the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

3. If, after exhausting every potential funding source in the Funding Guide and its Development Fee Trust Fund, the Township still cannot secure sufficient financing to completely satisfy its affordable housing obligations within the timeframe agreed upon between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center and approved by the Court, the Township will fully fund, by way of municipal bonding, any gaps in financing to assure the economic feasibility of the compliance techniques listed above included in the Township's 2023 Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.
4. The Township reserves the right to recoup any subsidy provided through future collections of development fees as such funds become available.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

Mr. D'Arco continues with his report and states the Bond ordinance for the pickle ball courts at the pool are not on the agenda as the Administration has concerns with the existing parking lot and will report back to the governing body at a future date.

Steve Neale reports on the award of the ADA ramp project and the Reconstruction of Douglas Place.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McGrath thanks the MIAAC volunteers for coordinating the Pride Flag Raising ceremony and the staff for the work on coordinating the Memorial Day Parade. She congratulates the PBA for the success of their Beefsteak Dinner and recognizes the Municipal Clerk for her work on running the Primary Election. The Shade Tree Commission meeting has been moved to June 26.

Councilman McEvoy reports that the HPC held their meeting and designated a house on Orchard Street as a historic landmark. He congratulates the Verona Hillbillies Wrestling program for grades 2 through 8 for winning the suburban championship.

Councilman Tamburro thanks DPW for their work during the Memorial Day Parade, although the Councilman was in Salt Lake City. He reminds the public to honor Flag Day on June 14 and congratulates the VHS graduating class of 2023 and wishes all a safe end of the school year.

Councilwoman Holland acknowledges the extraordinary air quality event and urges residents to take necessary precautions. She appreciates the administration cleaning the storm drains as hurricane season is beginning.

Mayor Roman calls for a general public comment period.

Jamal Mamood, Verona, New Jersey  
Tim Camuti, Verona, New Jersey  
Kate Kelly, Verona, New Jersey  
Chris Wacha, Verona, New Jersey  
Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey  
Sean DiBartolo, Verona, New Jersey  
Michael Hussar, Verona, New Jersey  
Will Battersby, Verona, New Jersey  
Genevieve Murphy-Bradacs, Verona, New Jersey  
Chris Barrows, Verona, New Jersey  
Diane Conboy, Verona, New Jersey

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-22**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$570,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-22 by title into record.

Councilman Tamburro recuses himself from the discussion and vote.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-22 is moved by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath.

Public Hearing:

None.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT (Recusal): Tamburro**

Ordinance No. 2023-22 is adopted 4-0 and will be published according to law.

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-24**

**CREATING OF CHAPTER 307 ENTITLED "INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES AND TREES"**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-24 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-24 is moved by Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Councilman McEvoy.

Public Hearing:

None.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

Ordinance No. 2023-24 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-25**

**AMENDING CHAPTER A565-1, SCHEDULE OF FEES, § 140-20.3C, CHARGING STATION FEES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-25 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-25 is moved by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

Ordinance No. 2023-25 is introduced 5-0. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on June 26, 2023.



Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items:

None.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-123**

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

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST  
BY RIDER FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, provides for receipt of fees received from the general public for various animal control fees in which the Chief Financial Officer and Health Department administer various fees associated with the Animal Control Fees; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A 40A:4-39* provides the dedication of funds collected as Animal Control Fees are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedication by statute or other legal requirement.

**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 Township Council does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to include as a Dedication by Rider in the 2023 and subsequent budgets, Animal Control Fees.
2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-124**

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

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST  
BY RIDER FOR TREE REPLACEMENT ESCROW FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, provides for receipt of fees received from the general public for tree replacement escrow fees in which the Chief Financial Officer and Zoning Officer administer various fees associated with the Tree Replacement Escrow; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A 40:55D-53.1* provides for the receipt of developer escrow by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has a Tree Preservation, Removal and Replacement ordinance in place; and

**WHEREAS**, part of this resolution it is required for an applicant to hold in escrow a performance bond of a tree replacement escrow fee; and

**WHEREAS**; these fees collected will either be refunded to the applicant once approval is made by the Zoning Officer or used to replace trees in the municipality

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A 40A:4-39 provides the dedication of funds collected as Tree Replacement Escrow are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedication by statute or other legal requirement.

**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 Township Council does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to include as a Dedication by Rider in the 2023 and subsequent budgets, Tree Replacement Escrow Fund.
2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-125**

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

#### **AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (the "Director") may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received \$30,784.06 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in the form of the Clean Communities Grant and wishes to amend its CY2023 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2023 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$30,784.06 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:  
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services -  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
Clean Communities Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2023 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$30,784.06 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
Clean Communities Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-126**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (the "Director") may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received \$2,280.92 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the National Opioid Settlement Grant and wishes to amend its CY2023 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2023 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$2,280.92 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:  
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services -  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
National Opioid Settlement Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2023 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$2,280.92 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
National Opioid Settlement Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-127**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO THE VOTERS REGARDING THE INCREASE OF THE MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND TAX PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, ET. SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, under *N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7 et seq.*, in a general election the voters of the Township of Verona approved a proposition authorizing the establishment of a "Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund" funded by the imposition of an annual tax levy not to exceed two (2) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the purposes of (a) acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes; (b) development of lands acquired for conservation purposes; (d) historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objects and acquisition of

such properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objects for historic preservation purposes; and (e) payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the Township of Verona for any of these purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to submit to the voters of the municipality in the next general election a proposition amending the previously approved establishment of the “Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund” to increase the rate of the annual levy, from the current maximum of two (2) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) of assessed valuation, to three (3) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) of assessed valuation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, et seq.*, the Township Council hereby requests that the County Clerk of the County of Essex print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 7, 2023 general election the following proposition:

Shall the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex adopt an Ordinance amending the “Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund” to increase the rate of the annual levy, from the current maximum of two (2) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) of assessed valuation, to three (3) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) of assessed valuation for the purposes of (a) acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes; (b) development of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes; (c) maintenance of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes; (d) historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objects and acquisition of such properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objects for historic preservation purposes; and (e) payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the Township of Verona for any of these purposes?

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk of the County of Essex is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 7, 2023 general election the following Interpretative Statement:

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A “yes” vote for this proposition means that you do want the Township of Verona to take the necessary steps to amend the Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to increase the rate of the annual levy, from the current maximum of two (2) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) of assessed valuation, to three (3) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) of assessed valuation that shall be used to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The Trust Fund can also be used to develop or maintain lands that are acquired for recreation and conservation purposes or used for the acquisition or historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objects located within the Township of Verona. The Trust Fund can also be used to make payments on bonds issued to acquire lands for these purposes.

If approved, the increase from the current maximum of two (2) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) of assessed valuation, to three (3) cents per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) of assessed valuation, the additional tax will result in the annual increase of \$43.30 in the municipal portion of the real property taxes assessed on a home with an assessment of \$433,000, the Township average assessment, and based upon the current total assessed valuations of property within the Township, would raise approximately \$239,569.92 of additional funds annually for the Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Municipal Clerk shall file a copy of this ordinance with the County Clerk of County of Essex.

#### ROLL CALL:

**AYES:** Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-128**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L 1994, C.72**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has not certified Municipal County Budgets as of this date, and

**WHEREAS**, as a result thereof, the Essex County Board of Taxation is unable to verify Verona's tax rate and the Township's Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Township's 2023 tax bills on a timely basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Tax Collector has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with *N.J.S.A 54:4-66.3*, and has signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies.

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

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township for the third installment of 2023 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by L.1994, C. 72(*N.J.S.A 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3*).
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2023 is hereby set at \$73,347,597.00.
3. The estimated tax rate (based on estimated levy) is hereby set at \$3.063.
4. In accordance with law, the third installment of 2023 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-129**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT ACADEMY APPAREL**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services' Division of Recreation purchases good such as equipment, clothing and uniforms for their sports and recreation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, expenditures not to exceed \$40,000.00 shall be charged to Budget Account No. 3-01-28-370-065 (Recreation - Program Equipment) and expenditures not to exceed \$3,500.00 shall be charged to Budget Account No. 3-45-55-502-052 (Pool - Clothing/Uniforms) or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the award of the contract to Academy Apparel 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 Academy Apparel have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Academy Apparel, 5 Fairview Avenue, Verona, NJ is hereby awarded a contract for repair and replacement of certain instruments within the mechanism not to exceed \$43,500 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

**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. 2023-130**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALL AMERICAN SEWER SERVICE, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for drainage and sewer services within the infrastructure of Township of Verona; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 3-05-55-502-335 – Water-Sewer Pumps and Parts, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2023 Budget.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Manager has recommended that All American Sewer Service, Inc., PO Box 605, Lodi, New Jersey 07664 be awarded a contract to provide drainage and sewer services on the sewer lines within the Township of Verona.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that All American Sewer Service is hereby awarded a contract for providing sewer services not to exceed \$30,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement 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. 2023-131**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CARS ON 15**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works is in need to replace a truck that has been taken out of service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said

services has exceeded \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, expenditures not to exceed \$20,887.00 shall be paid for from funds received from the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Clean Communities Grants, which allows for the purchase of equipment and vehicles using a percentage of the grant from year to year, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the award of the contract to Cars on 15 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 Cars on 15 have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Cars on 15, 637 Route 15 South, Lake Hopatcong, NJ is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of a used 2012 Ford F-350 used truck in an amount not to exceed \$20,887.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

**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. 2023-132**

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

#### **AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH JDV EQUIPMENT CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Waste Water Treatment Plant requires repair and replacement of certain instruments within the grit removal process that need to be manufactured and fabricated to the specifications of the mechanism utilized in the grit removal process; and

**WHEREAS**, grit removal process removes all small sediment such as stones and/or bits of plastic from the sewer influent into the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 3-05-55-502-384 (Repairs & Parts) or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the award of the contract to JDV Equipment Corporation 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 JDV Equipment Corporation have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that JDV Equipment Corporation, 104 Fulton Street, Boonton, New Jersey 07005 is hereby awarded a contract for repair and replacement of certain instruments within the mechanism not to exceed \$43,900 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

**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. 2023-133**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SHERWOOD-LOGAN & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Waste Water Treatment Plant requires repair and replacement of certain instruments within the grit removal process; and

**WHEREAS**, grit removal process removes all small sediment such as stones and/or bits of plastic from the sewer influent into the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 3-05-55-502-384 (Repairs & Parts) or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the award of the contract to Sherwood Logan & Associates, 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 Sherwood Logan & Associates, Inc. have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Sherwood Logan & Associates, Inc., 188 Bayview Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879 is hereby awarded a contract for repair and replacement of certain instruments within the mechanism not to exceed \$38,701 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

**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. 2023-134**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH STARFIRE CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services' Division of Recreation annually schedules the Township's fireworks display for the Fourth of July celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, expenditures not to exceed \$19,000.00 shall be charged to Budget Account No. 3-01-28-374-224 (Civic Affairs - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration) or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the award of the contract to Starfire Corporation 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 Starfire Corporation have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Starfire Corporation, 566 Theatre Road, PO Box 179, St. Benedict, PA 15773 is hereby awarded a contract for providing fireworks display services not to exceed \$19,000 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

**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. 2023-135**

A motion was made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath 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:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

1. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract/Settlement Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

Addendum:

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-136**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS**

**WHEREAS**, the submitted renewal application forms are complete in all respects and the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by *N.J.S.A. 33* and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the following licensees have obtained a Tax Clearance Certificate from the New Jersey Division of Taxation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the following applications for renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License be granted, effective July 1, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and issue said license certificates to the following applicants:

0720-33-007-008	470 Bloomfield Avenue Inc., dba AVENUE BISTRO 558 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-33-006-014	Amadeo, Inc., dba MIELE'S RESTAURANT 125 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-33-008-005	RJV Corporation, dba RICHFIELD REGENCY 420 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-33-011-010	Verona Liquor License LLC, dba VERONA INN 624 Bloomfield Avenue -Verona, New Jersey
0720-33-004-010	Watchung Saints, LLC dba THE PARKSIDE SOCIAL 706 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-137**

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

**APPROVAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION  
LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS**

**WHEREAS**, the submitted renewal application forms are complete in all respects and the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by *N.J.S.A. 33* and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the following licensees have obtained a Tax Clearance Certificate from the New Jersey Division of Taxation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the following applications for renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License be granted, effective July 1, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to sign and issue said license certificates to the following applicants:

0720-44-010-009	Ami & Tithi LLC t/a KRAUSER'S LIQUOR LOCKER 645 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey
0720-44-001-003	Hinaxi, LLC t/a VERONA WINE CELLAR 360 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey

0720-44-003-005

Vallabh Krupa Inc.  
t/a PILGRIM LIQUORS  
283 Pompton Avenue  
Verona, New Jersey

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

New Business:

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-26**

**AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA BY CREATING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MANAGER; ELIMINATING CHAPTER 5, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE VII, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE XI, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CREATE § 5-125 DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: FUNCTIONS; RESPONSIBILITIES; DUTIES**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-26 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-26 is moved by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilman Tamburro.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

Ordinance No. 2023-25 is introduced 5-0. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on June 26, 2023.

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-27**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$60,000 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BALANCE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-27 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-27 is moved by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman**

**NAYS:**

Ordinance No. 2023-27 is introduced 5-0. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on June 26, 2023.

Council discusses the Invasive Species ordinance and suggests it be sent to the Environmental Commission for their review.

Public Comment:

Tim Camuti, Verona, New Jersey  
Christina Ford, Verona, New Jersey  
Chris Reilly, Verona, New Jersey

Council enters into Executive Session at 10:35 p.m. and returns into Public Session at 11:13 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 p.m. is made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Township Council is June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

  
Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: July 10, 2023