

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, August 7, 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:

The Municipal Clerk reads the notice of Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tamburro invites Jay Coltre to the lectern. Mr. Coltre reports the dates and times of Essex County's 9/11 Memorial, the Fall Festival at the Environmental Center and the Brew at the Zoo.

Mayor Tamburro comments on the passing of New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver. She was a leader of fantastic grace and a superb public servant. He holds a moment of silence for Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver.

He congratulates and thanks Sue Dewitt on her long service and retirement. He congratulates Lieutenant Chris Scheper and Sergeant Joe Pami on their promotions within the police department. He acknowledges the success of Verona's National Night Out and thanks the Verona Chamber of Commerce for a successful Summer Concert Series. He concludes by thanking Deputy Mayor McEvoy and Jessica Pearson for helping him out this weekend when he was in a time of need.

Manager's Report:

Mr. D'Arco reports that he will be interviewing for the Deputy Manager position this week. He has a meeting with the Cedar Grove Township Manager regarding mutual projects and provides a status update on projects.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy reports that National Night Out was a success. He extends his appreciation to Sue Dewitt for service and congratulates her on her retirement. He congratulates Sergeant Pami and Lieutenant Scheper and extends his condolences to the Oliver family and also to the Zichelli family.

Councilman Roman seconds all congratulations and comments expressed by his fellow council members. He appreciates the Mayor recognizing the passing of the Lieutenant Governor.

Councilwoman McGrath was thrilled to attend the promotional ceremony of Lieutenant Scheper and Sergeant Pami. She states that National Night Out was a true success. She sends her condolences to the Oliver family and the employees of the County of Essex.

Councilwoman Holland sends her condolences to the Oliver family and congratulates Lieutenant Scheper and Sergeant Pami on their promotions.

Public Comment:

None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-29

AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA TO REPEAL CHAPTER 270 "FLOOD CONTROL AND DAMAGE PREVENTION" IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 270 "FLOOD CONTROL AND

**DAMAGE PREVENTION"; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO
DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-29 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-29 is moved by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman.

Public Hearing:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2023-29 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2023-37

**AMENDING CHAPTER 140, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VI
SPECIAL ZONES AND AREAS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
VERONA, TO REGULATE PARKING AT 208 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE
(EVERETT FIELD)**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-37 by title into record.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2023-37 is moved by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2023-37 is introduced 5-0, will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on August 21, 2023.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items:

None.

Minutes from the June 26, 2023, July 1, 2023 and July 10, 2023 meetings are unanimously approved.

The Municipal Clerk's 1st and 2nd quarter raffle reports are unanimously accepted in to the record.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-155

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

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-058, APPOINTMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ESSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, that Township Manager Joseph D'Arco and Supervisor of Public Works Chuck Molinaro are hereby appointed to serve as the Township's representatives to the Community Development Block Grant Committee for the year 2023.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-156

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

**AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE
BOROUGH OF ROSELAND TO PROVIDE STREET SWEEPING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.* (the "Act"), authorized local units of this State to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona and the Borough of Roseland are desirous to renew a Shared Services agreement to provide Street Sweeping Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona and the Borough of Roseland have reached an agreement as to the terms and conditions associated with said agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of both municipalities to enter into this Interlocal Services Agreement commencing on July 18, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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 Township Manager and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Two-Year Shared Services Agreement to provide Street Sweeping Services to the Borough of Roseland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Roseland.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

New Business:

Council discusses a capital ordinance to repair the elevator in the Community Center. Township Manager Joseph D'Arco reports that a submission of a CDBG grant for ADA doors at the Senior Annex Building is currently being drafted by the administration.

Public Comment:

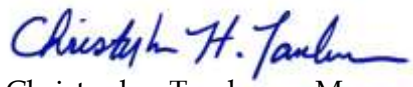
None.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Township Council is August 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: September 11, 2023