

Minutes of an Emergency Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Friday, October 20, 2023, beginning at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom video conferencing platform.

Call to Order:

Roll Call:

Mayor Christopher Tamburro, Deputy Mayor Jack McEvoy, Councilman Alex Roman and Councilwoman Cynthia Holland are present. Township Manager Joseph D'Arco, Township Attorney Patricia Melia, Esq., of the Aloia Law Firm and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present. Councilwoman Christine McGrath is not present.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-175

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

EMERGENCY MEETING

WHEREAS, upon the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the members present a public body may hold a meeting notwithstanding the failure to provide adequate notice if

- (1) such a meeting is required in order to deal with matters of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; and
- (2) the meeting is limited to discussion of and acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance; and
- (3) notice of such meeting is provided as soon as possible following the calling of such meeting by posting written notice of the same in the public place described in section 3.b.2 above [*N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d)*], and also by telephone, telegram, or by delivering a written notice of same to such newspapers; and
- (4) either (a) the public body could not reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided; or (b) although the public body could reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided, it nevertheless failed to do so; and

WHEREAS, at least three quarters of the Council have determined that it is necessary and appropriate to call an emergency meeting of the Council because the Township must award Contract #2023-03, entitled "Reconstruction of Balston Drive, Windermere Road and Whitney Terrace" to secure \$300,000 in funding in the form of a grant from the NJDOT towards the project; and

WHEREAS, if the Township failed to award the contract on or before Saturday, October 21, 2023 the Township would potentially lose the \$300,000 in funding which would create substantial financial harm to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Council was unaware of the deadline to make the award and therefore could not reasonably have foreseen the need for a meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by an affirmative vote of three-quarters of the members present, this Special Meeting of October 20, 2023, is found to be necessary, is approved and in the best interest of the public.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: McGrath

ABSTAIN (Recusal): Holland

RESOLUTION No. 2023-176

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

**AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 2023-03
RECONSTRUCTION OF BALSTON DRIVE, WINDEMERE ROAD AND
WHITNEY TERRACE**

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023 the Township of Verona received bids for Contract 2023-03 – Reconstruction of Balston Drive, Windemere Road and Whitney Terrace; and

WHEREAS, eight (8) bids were received for Contract 2023-03; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Crossroads Paving, 296 South Street, Suite 169, Newark, NJ 07105 in the base bid amount of \$721,803.75; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed and recommends the Contract award be made to Crossroads Paving, as the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the contract for Contract No. 2023-03 be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Crossroads Paving, 296 South Street, Suite 169, Newark, NJ 07105 in the base bid amount of \$721,803.75.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged against Bond Ordinance No. 2023-30 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, the Township Clerk, and any other officer as may be deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement or any other required documents for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to certify to a copy of this Resolution and forthwith transmit a copy of said Certified Resolution to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT: McGrath

ABSTAIN (Recusal): Holland

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy at 11:42 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Township Council is October 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: December 4, 2023