

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, November 13, 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 Patricia Melia of the Aloia Law Firm, Township Manager Joseph D'Arco, Deputy Manager Kevin O'Sullivan and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tamburro begins his report by thanking the Verona voters for approving the Open Space Trust Fund ballot question on the November election. He congratulates Mike Boone on his election to the Verona Board of Education and also congratulates Senator Kristen Corrado and Assemblyman Chris DePhillips and Assemblyman Al Barlas on their success. He thanks Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan for running the election with the help of all of the wonderful poll workers. The Mayor thanks everyone who attended the Veteran's Day service on Saturday, as well as Kristine Gould and Elisa Northrop who helped organize the ceremony. The Verona Environmental Commission met last week and there will be a composting webinar presented by the Environmental Commission on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00PM. He congratulates the Verona High School girls' volleyball team for winning their group sectional championship.

Essex County Liaison, J. Coltre reports the County food distribution will be held at Codey Arena on Thursday, 11/16 at 9am. Turtle Back Zoo will begin its annual Holiday Lights on weekends and daily from December 8 until the end of the year.

Mayor Tamburro reports that members from the Lions Club are present tonight. The Mayor will be highlighting volunteer groups in Verona, monthly. The Mayor presents the Verona Lions Club with a proclamation for the dedication and commitment to the residents of the Township.

Manager's Update:

Township Manger Joseph D'Arco reports on the status of Everett Field, the traffic light at Claremont and Pompton Avenues and the need for modifications and review of the current tree ordinance to discuss the impact of cost on the Township's budget. He states that the Township has applied for additional funding from the CDBG for the playground at the Community Center. He reports that a presentation on the proposed Public Safety Complex will be held in mid-December and the project has been broken down into potential grant funding elements and a meeting was held with the Essex County Improvement Authority for possible funding of the Complex. The Local Board of Health will meet on December 4, 2023.

Deputy Manager Kevin O'Sullivan reports on the waste water treatment plant rate study. The Township has entered into an agreement with MJG Services to temporary fill the role of the required S-3 licensed operator for the WWTP. The new Planning Board and Zoning Board secretary started last week. Bids for the Community Center playground will be opened on November 29, 2023.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy reports that the Sustainable Verona met this past week and will hold a composting seminar on Thursday, January 18th. He thanks the Municipal Clerk for a successful election day and recognizes all of her hard work. He congratulates Mike Boone as newly elected member of the Board of Education. He attended the Diwali celebration last week and the Essex County Veterans Day ceremony.

Councilman Roman thanks everyone for putting together the Veterans Day ceremony. He congratulates State Representatives Senator Kristin Corrado, Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips and Assemblyman Al Barlas. He also offers his congratulations to Mike Boone, and

thanks the Municipal Clerk for an excellent job running the elections. He congratulates the VHS Volleyball team on their win. He attended the Diwali ceremony and offers a special congratulations to the two (2) employees of the Township who placed in the snow plow rodeo.

Councilwoman McGrath thanks the Verona Public Library and the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee for collaborating on this year's Diwali event and a special thanks to resident Toral Patel for organizing and starting the event. She congratulates Mike Boone on his election to the Board of Education and thanks Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan and all of the poll workers on a smooth election, as well as the Verona residents for voting. She attended the Shade Tree Commission Meeting. Tomorrow the Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee meets. She concludes thanking all of our veterans but in particular the women who served our military.

Councilwoman Holland congratulates the Municipal Clerk on running a very successful election and also congratulates the newly elected people on the ballot. She would like to acknowledge that November is Safe Homes Month and encourages all residents to remain informed. She attended the Diwali event and the Veterans Day celebration. She wants to alert the Verona residents to the winter termination program which will be taking effect on November 15th and concludes reminding all residents to remain aware and alert of this winter's potential outcome.

Public Comment:

None.

ORDINANCE No. 2023-44

**AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, CHAPTER 390,
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, BY THE CREATION OF ARTICLE II,
ENTITLED LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS
FOR RENTAL DWELLINGS**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-44 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-44 is moved by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

Public Hearing:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2023-44 passes 5-0 and it will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2023-45

**AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, CHAPTER 5,
ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE IX, DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES, TO ALLOW FOR FLEXIBILITY IN THE
APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-45 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-45 is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

Public Hearing:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2023-44 passes 5-0 and it will be published according to law

ORDINANCE #2023-46

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A565-1 (SCHEDULE OF FEES) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA TO AMEND BASIC WATER CONSUMPTION RATES

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-46 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance 2023-46 is moved by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS: Holland, McGrath

Ordinance 2023-46 is introduced by a vote of 3-2. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on December 4, 2023.

Consent Agenda

Public Comment on Consent Agenda:

None.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-182

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

AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:40-1

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2023 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 for transfer purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations accounts of the 2023 Municipal Budget as follows:

	TO	FROM
PFRS	\$15,000.00	
Court - Other Expenses	\$89,627.00	
Zoning - Salary and Wages	\$2,200.00	
Administration - Other Expenses	\$9,000.00	
Clerk - Other Expenses	\$55,000.00	
Recreation - Other Expenses	\$25,000.00	
Water and Sewer - Other Expenses	\$100,000.00	
Police - Salary and Wages		\$15,000.00
Court - Salary and Wages		\$89,627.00

Engineer - Other Expenses		\$2,200.00
Administration - Salary and Wages		\$64,000.00
Recreation - Salary and Wages		\$25,000.00
Water and Sewer - Salary and Wages		\$100,000.00
TOTALS	\$295,827.00	\$295,827.00

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-183

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

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES UNDER CERTAIN BOND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,560.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey previously adopted Bond Ordinances for the purpose of funding various capital projects and improvements of the Township as more fully specified in the Bond Ordinances and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, the projects have been completed and

WHEREAS, the Township now desires to cancel such appropriations and transfer the funded balances to their respective fund surplus;

ORDINANCE	ORDINANCE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO BE CANCELLED
Pool Capital		
2022-15	Slide Refurbishment	\$1,560.00
Total Pool Capital		\$1,560.00

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-184

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

ACCEPTING A STORMWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has been awarded a Stormwater Assistance grant in the sum of \$25,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to comply with the requirements of the Tier-A MS4 Permit.

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 this grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-185

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman 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 NJ-DEP STORMWATER ASSISTANCE 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 \$25,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in the form of the Stormwater Assistance 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 \$25,000.00 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:
- NJDEP Stormwater Assistance 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 \$25,000.00 appropriated under the caption of:

- General Appropriations:
- (A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
- Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
- NJDEP Stormwater Assistance 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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-186

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

APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND CLOSE-OUT FOR CONTRACT NO. 2022-11 - RECONSTRUCTION OF ANN STREET, CYPRESS AVENUE, WILLOW TERRACE AND STEVEN AVENUE

WHEREAS, Midwest Construction and the Township of Verona have heretofore entered into an Agreement, more particularly known as Contract No. 2022-11 - "Reconstruction of Ann Street, Cypress Avenue, Willow Terrace and Steven Avenue)" for the furnishing of labor,

equipment and materials in the amount of \$ \$2,003,464.18, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Township has prepared Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out for the within contract for revised as-built quantities, as listed on the Change Order No. 1 in the amount of minus \$ 68,491.67; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager and Project Engineer recommend that Contract Change No. 1 for the within contract be approved and that the Contract be closed out; and

WHEREAS, Contract Change No. 1 does not expand the scope of the within contract and is in the best interest of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Contract Change No. 1 for Contract No. 2022-11 in the amount of \$ 1,934,972,51 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, the Township Clerk and any other officer as may be deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out of Contract No. 2022-11 on behalf of the Township.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-187

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

AWARDING CONTRACT No. 2023-06 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2024-2028

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2023, the Township of Verona received bids for Solid Waste Collection Services, Contract No. 2023-06; and

WHEREAS, Waste Industries LLC, 800 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201, was the lowest responsible bidder for Contract 2023-06 for a period of five years in the amount of \$820,000 in Year 1 (2024), \$865,000 in Year 2 (2025), \$910,000 in Year 3 (2026), \$960,000 in Year 4 (2027), \$960,000 in Year 5 (2028); and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Account No. 03-26-305-190, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the bid of Waste Industries LLC, 800 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201 for Contract 2023-06 for a period of five (5) years commencing on January 1, 2024 in the amount of \$820,000 per year in Year 1 (2024), \$865,000 per year in Year 2 (2025), \$910,000 per year in Year 3 (2026), \$960,000 per year in Year 4 (2027), \$960,000 per year in Year 5 (2028) be accepted and it be awarded Contract 2023-06; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to Account No. 03-26-305-190 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee. The availability of funds shall be certified annually by the Chief Financial Officer upon adoption of the municipal budget.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-188

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

**AWARDING CONTRACT No. 2023-08
COLLECTION & TRANSPORTATION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2023, the Township of Verona received bids for Collection, Removal & Disposal of Recyclable Materials, Contract 2023-08, and

WHEREAS, Waste Industries LLC, 800 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201, was the lowest responsible bidder for Contract 2023-08; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Account No. Y-01-26-305-190, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the bid of Waste Industries LLC, 800 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201 for Contract 2023-08 for a period of five (5) years in the amount of \$240,403.67 in Year 1 (2024), \$254,973.60 in Year 2 (2025), \$267,115.20 in Year 3 (2026), \$282,292.20 in Year 4 (2027) and \$282,292.20 in Year 5 (2027).

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-189

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

**AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE FROM 1075 EMERGENCY LIGHTING LLC,
D/B/A/ 10-75 EMERGENCY VEHICLES ON STATE CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Verona Police Department requires installation of equipment in the police patrol cars including, but not limited to lights, sirens, partitions, radios, consoles, dash cams, radar units and supply cabinets ; and

WHEREAS, 10-75 Emergency Vehicles provides said services and is under State Contract #17-FLEET00743.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that 1075 Emergency Lighting LLC, dba 10-75 Emergency Vehicles, under State Contract #17-FLEET00743 is hereby awarded a contract for providing installation of equipment in patrol cars for the police department in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, charged to budget line C-53-46-039-004.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-190

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman 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 Township will expend funds above the amount set in Resolution No.

2023-131, and has a need to purchase a used 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck for the Department of Public Works before year end at a total expenditure value not to exceed \$44,000.00; and

WHEREAS, expenditures not to exceed \$16,899.00 shall be paid for from budget line 3-01-26-290-188 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 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck in an amount not to exceed \$16,899.00 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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-191

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GSD COATINGS, LLC
D/B/A MODERN MATERIEL**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona Police Department has the need to purchase firearms and related paraphernalia; and

WHEREAS, maintenance and replacement of this equipment on a timely basis is essential to both public and officer safety; and

WHEREAS, GSD Coatings, LLC D/B/A Modern Materiel, 2 Industrial Drive, Suite G, Keyport, New Jersey 07735 provides the products set forth above as well as other related paraphernalia required in the replacement process; and

WHEREAS, expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 shall be paid for from budget line 3-01-25-240-250 and the availability of funds have certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to GSD Coatings, LLC D/B/A Modern Materiel 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 GSD Coatings, LLC D/B/A Modern Materiel 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 GSD Coatings, LLC D/B/A Modern Materiel, 2 Industrial Drive, Suite G, Keyport, New Jersey 07735 is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of firearms and related paraphernalia in an amount 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 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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-192

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

**AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONTRACT WITH JACOBS ENGINEERING**

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-083 appointing Jacobs Engineering Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Water Business Group, 412 Mt Kemble Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey for PFAS removal at the Linn Drive and Fairview Avenue Well sites for preliminary design for the PFAS Water Treatment at Linn Drive and Fairview Avenue Potable Water Well Sites Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has determined that the contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. requires amending to incorporate further scopes of services including professional services during construction; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i)*) permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Water Business Group, with offices at 412 Mt Kemble Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey (hereinafter "Jacobs") has submitted the attached proposal for additional professional services at a cost not-to-exceed \$892,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopted Bond ordinance No. 2021-24 at a regular meeting on August 31, 2021 for the preliminary planning expenses for PFAS removal at the Fairview Avenue and Linn Drive wells to fund the costs associated with this project; and

WHEREAS, Jacobs has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Jacobs has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Verona in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Jacobs from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, that a contract is amended with Jacobs for Professional Services for the project for PFAS removal at the Linn Drive and Fairview Avenue Well Sites in an amount not-to-exceed \$892,000.00 subject to the following:

1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms to be drafted and approved by the Township Attorney.
2. The contract and any contract amendments which may become necessary shall be subject to the Township's ability to appropriate sufficient funds, which appropriation shall be at the sole discretion of the Township Council.
3. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
4. The Township is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.
5. The Township Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement as outlined herein with:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-193

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

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A LICENSED S-3 OPERATOR FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH MJG SERVICES, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona requires the professional services of a licensed S-3 operator for the Waste Water Treatment Plant to meet the requirements of the system permits from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Township has solicited the services of MJG Services, LLC, 122 Young Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009 to provide these services for the Township; and

WHEREAS, MJG Services, LLC has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the services for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager recommends that the Township Council authorize the execution of an agreement with MJG Services, LLC to provide said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby authorizes the execution of a contract for Professional Services with MJG Services, LLC to provide a Licensed S-3 Operator for the Waste Water Treatment Plan in an amount not to exceed \$17,000 for this calendar year and an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the 2024 calendar year without further authorization of the Township Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and MJG Services, LLC shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-194

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

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-155, 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 Deputy Township Manager Kevin O' Sullivan 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 remainder 2023 and the entire 2024 Calendar Year.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-195

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

NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY

WHEREAS, injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to U.S. children ages 1 to 18; and

WHEREAS the Township of Verona is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS hospitals, state agencies and community organizations are committed to their crucial role in reducing injuries and deaths by promoting safe practices; and

WHEREAS National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness and promotes efforts to reduce injuries among children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona commends all injury and violence prevention organizations in their endeavor to protect children from injury and hereby proclaims November 18, 2023 National Injury Prevention Day.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2023-196

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman 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. Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (5)*
2. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

New Business:

The Council discusses the NJDEP's requirement for the Tier A MS4 Stormwater Regulations for the Tier A General Permit. A key milestone the Township needs to meet in order to continue to strive towards compliance with the updates Tier A permit requirements, the Council will adopt and enforce an ordinance regulating the proper maintenance of privately owned salt storage facilities ("Salt Storage Ordinance"). The ordinance will be on the December 4, 2023 meeting agenda for introduction.

Public Participation:

Howard Conklin, Verona, New Jersey

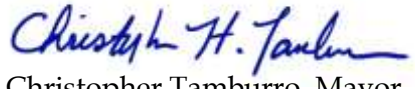
Council goes into Executive Session at 8:39 pm.

Adjournment:

A motion is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. Vote: 5 ayes. The next meeting will be held December 4, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: December 18, 2023