

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, December 4, 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 thanks the Public Clergy Council, especially Presbyterian Church of Verona for hosting a beautiful and meaningful Interfaith service. He thanks all the first responders who worked on Thanksgiving Day, and comments on a fantastic Fair in the Square event. The Verona Environmental Commission meets next week and the application for the Junior Commissioner Program is due this Friday. There will also be a short Planning Board meeting this Thursday. Mayor Tamburro makes the following appointments:

1. Environmental Commission
  - i. Erdal Turnacioglu      Member      Unexpired Term Ending      6/30/2026
  - ii. Adam Bulger      Alternate #1      Unexpired Term Ending      6/30/2024

Mayor Tamburro states that members of the Verona Woman's Club are present tonight and invites Co-President Coni Evans to the lectern. Ms. Evans gives some background on the Club and their achievements. Mayor Tamburro then reads a proclamation for the Verona Woman's Club for Share the Light Night and presents it to Club members Coni Evans, Kathy Mortara, Linnea Mathers, Mickey Lawrence, Maddie Strauss, Pam Blake and Rosanne Bornstein.

Manager's Report:

Mr. D'Arco comments on the progress of the Zoning office and states he will attend the Recreation Commission Meeting tomorrow night. The traffic light project on Pompton and Claremont is still moving forward. There will be a public safety complex presentation during the December 18. The Inter Local Services Agreement is being drafted and the mid-year election topic on costs and procedures is discussed. He concludes by mentioning another application for CDBG for the playground, and directs the next topics of discussion regarding town projects towards Deputy Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan.

Mr. O'Sullivan reports that the water rate study is expected in the coming weeks. Boswell's audit and report of the WWTP will be finalized by December 8, 2024. It will be sent to NewGen and included in the Rate Study Report. The Administration met with the Zoning office staff to discuss procedures on projects. The award for the Linn Drive wells is expected to be on the January 8 meeting as the bid opening is December 8, 2024. He is updating the parking meter rate analysis and a final report and recommendation will be presented in January,

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy attended the League of Municipalities and Fair in the Square and comments on the high attendance of the Fair in the Square. He wishes everyone a Happy Hanukkah and reminds the public that Menorah lighting will be next Monday night at 7pm in front of the Municipal Building.

Councilman Roman also attended the NJ League of Municipalities. He attended the Interfaith Thanksgiving service. He also congratulates Mayor Tamburro on his comments during the service. He concludes by echoing all remarks made about the success of Fair in the Square 2023.

Councilwoman McGrath also attended both the Interfaith Thanksgiving service and Fair in the

Square. She offers her thanks to all of the volunteers and staff for making all expectations a reality. She attended the League of Municipalities. She spent her small business Saturday shopping in Verona promoting small businesses and encourages the public to support and shop local. The Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee met and the Shade Tree Commission will be meet next Monday.

Councilwoman Holland also attended the League of Municipalities and comments on the tremendous attendance of Fair in the Square. November was safe homes month for VMAC and there is a Recreation Advisory Committee tomorrow night. She lastly reminds all members of the public needing extra assistance paying their utility bills to reach out to services available to assist them.

Public Comment:

Joshua Jacobs, Verona, New Jersey  
Kevin, Verona, New Jersey  
Chris Reilly, Verona, New Jersey

**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 No. 2023-46 is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy.

Public Hearing:

None.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Ordinance No. 2023-46 passes 3-2 and it will be published according to law.

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-47**

**CREATING CHAPTER 386 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED  
PRIVATELY OWNED SALT STORAGE**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-47 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance 2023-47 is moved by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Ordinance 2023-47 will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on December 18, 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-48**

**ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING VOTER-APPROVED INCREASE TO THE  
VERONA OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION TRUST FUND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 62-2 OF THE  
TOWNSHIP CODE**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-48 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance 2023-48 is moved by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

Ordinance 2023-48 will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on December 18, 2023.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda:

None.

Consent Agenda:

Councilwoman McGrath will abstain from voting to approve item J-1 (October 20, 2023 Emergency Meeting Minutes) as she was not present for that meeting. Mayor Tamburro removes item J-2 from the Consent Agenda so a separate roll call vote can be called.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-197**

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

**AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION  
ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58**

**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;

**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               |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Medical Transport – Salary and Wages | \$5,000.00         |                    |
| Legal – Salary and Wages             |                    | \$5,000.00         |
| Pool – Other Expenses                | \$5,000.00         |                    |
| Pool – Salary and Wages              |                    | \$5,000.00         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                        | <b>\$10,000.00</b> | <b>\$10,000.00</b> |

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-198**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1* authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and

regulations to be promulgated by the Director of Government Services, and

**WHEREAS**, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct electronic tax sales, and

**WHEREAS**, NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com, whom conducted the 2023 electronic tax sale, has a price quotation of \$15.00 per certificate advertised, with \$240.00 as 2023's invoice; and

**WHEREAS**, then Township of Verona wishes to award NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com contract for electronic tax sale.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale on December 7, 2023, with NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com, for 2023 municipal charges.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-199**

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

#### **AUTHORIZING THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1* authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Township of Verona wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by Township Council of the Township of Verona, New Jersey, that a fee of \$25.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2023 electronic tax sale.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-200**

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy 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 \$581.02 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 \$581.02 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 \$581.02 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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-201**

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy 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 \$581.02 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 \$581.02 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 \$581.02 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, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro  
**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-202**

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

**AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE NEW  
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ARP FIREFIGHTER'S  
GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has been awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ARP Firefighter's Grant Program in the amount of \$23,000; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant will help fund the purchase of protective gear and other necessary equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is required to provide a 10% match of \$2,300.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township of Verona is hereby authorized to accept for this grant in the amount of \$23,000 with the Township providing additional funds in the amount of \$ 2,300.

**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. 2023-203**

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy 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 NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ARP FIREFIGHTERS 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 \$23,000 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the DCA ARP Firefighters 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 \$23,000 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:  
Firefighter Equipment 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 \$23,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
Firefighter Equipment 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. 2023-203**

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy 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 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ARP FIREFIGHTERS 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 \$23,000 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the DCA ARP Firefighters 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 \$23,000 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:  
Firefighter Equipment 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 \$23,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
Firefighter Equipment 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. 2023-204**

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

**APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND CLOSE-OUT FOR THE  
CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 POOL RENOVATIONS - SPLASH PAD  
AND ZERO ENTRY WITH TSIVICOS ENTERPRISES, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Tsivicos Enterprises, Inc. and the Township of Verona have heretofore entered into an Agreement for renovations to the Verona Community Pool, specifically the baby pool splash pad and zero entry baby pool 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 plus \$81,106.80 (5.8% increase); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Manager recommends 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 Close-Out in the amount of \$1,470,737.80 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 the contract for 2023 Pool Renovations, specifically the baby pool splash pad and zero entry baby pool on behalf of the Township.

**ROLL CALL:**

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



**RESOLUTION No. 2023-205**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH LAWSOFT, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department of the Township of Verona is required to file accident reports electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, such services are provided by LawSoft, Inc. and therefore requires as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has determined that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and,

**WHEREAS**, LawSoft, Inc., located at 15 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, New Jersey 07043 has submitted a proposal indicating they will continue to provide the software at a cost not-to-exceed \$19,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, services provided by LawSoft, Inc. shall be charged to budget account 3-01-25-240-240 – Police – Annual Subscription/Software; and

**WHEREAS**, LawSoft, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Lawsoft, Inc. 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 LawSoft, Inc. 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 be awarded to LawSoft, Inc., pending certification of available funds by the Temporary CFO for a computer-aided dispatch system for use by police, fire and rescue in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,000.00 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:

LawSoft, Inc.  
15 Hamburg Turnpike  
Bloomingdale, New Jersey 07403

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-206**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A FIREFIGHTER’S GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for up to approximately \$75,000 to carry out a project to provide the Verona Fire Department with proper protective equipment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Verona does hereby authorize the application for such a grant, and recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Verona and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

*Joseph O. D'Arco*

JOSEPH O. D'ARCO  
Township Manager

*Christopher H. Tamburro*  
CHRISTOPHER H. TAMBURRO  
Mayor

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-207**

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy 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:**

A motion to approve the October 20, 2023 emergency meeting minutes are moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:** McGrath

The October 20 meeting minutes are approved 4-0 with one abstention.

ADDENDUM:

Motion to approve item M2 is moved by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman.

Public Comment:

None.

Council Discussion.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

M2 will be numbered Resolution No. 2023-208 and passes 5-0.


Public Comment:

None.

Council enters into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and no action will be taken afterwards.

Council returns to Public Session at 9:30 p.m. A motion to adjourn is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath at 9:31 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Council is December 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Kiernan  
Municipal Clerk

  
Dr. Christopher Tamburro  
Mayor

APPROVED: January 22, 2024