

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Thursday, March 2, 2023, beginning at 7:02 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 law. The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Township Council which is being held via Zoom video conferencing and in person. The time and date, along with the public internet link and telephone call-in information was posted in the Municipal Building, and sent the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at [www.veronanj.org/councilmeetings](http://www.veronanj.org/councilmeetings). A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda and instructions on how to comment will be provided at the appropriate time. This meeting is being recorded, both audibly and visually for retention purposes and for rebroadcast on the Township's YouTube.

Roll Call:

Mayor Alex Roman, Deputy Mayor Christine McGrath, Councilman Jack McEvoy, Councilwoman Cynthia Holland and Councilman Chris Tamburro. Township Manager Joseph D'Arco, Township Attorney Brian Aloia and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present along with Interim Chief Financial Officer Jen Muscara.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items:

None

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-047**

A motion was made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Councilman 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. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

New/Unfinished Business:

Municipal Budget discussion takes place for Police, Building & Grounds, Construction Code, DPW (Shade Tree, Street & Highway, Recycling, Water/Sewer Utility), Construction Code/Fire Prevention, Community Services (Health/Vital Statistics, Recreation, Seniors, Swimming Pool Utility)

Public Comment:

None.

Mayor Roman states that Council will be entering into Executive Session but will not take any

official action when returning to Public Session. Council enters into Executive Session at 9:16 p.m.

Council returns into Public Session at 10:12 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Deputy Mayor McGrath at 10:20 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Township Council is March 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

  
Alex Roman, Mayor

APPROVED: March 13, 2023