

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-165**

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

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF  
\$12,190,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING  
FOR THEIR SALE**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY** (with not less than a majority of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The \$12,190,000 General Improvement Bonds of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township"), referred to and described in bond ordinance #2020-17 finally adopted by the Township Council pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey on September 21, 2020 and entitled, "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Purchase of Property in and by the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$12,800,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$12,800,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof," shall be issued as "General Improvement Bonds" (the "Bonds"). The Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on March 1 in each of the years follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2024	\$300,000	2039	\$380,000
2025	\$300,000	2040	\$395,000
2026	\$300,000	2041	\$410,000
2027	\$300,000	2042	\$425,000
2028	\$300,000	2043	\$445,000
2029	\$300,000	2044	\$465,000
2030	\$300,000	2045	\$485,000
2031	\$300,000	2046	\$505,000
2032	\$300,000	2047	\$530,000
2033	\$300,000	2048	\$555,000
2034	\$300,000	2049	\$580,000
2035	\$300,000	2050	\$600,000
2036	\$300,000	2051	\$600,000
2037	\$350,000	2052	\$600,000
2038	\$365,000	2053	\$600,000

\*Subject to change as set forth in the Full Notice of Sale attached hereto

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein. The Bonds shall be thirty in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity and shall be numbered GI-1 to GI-30, inclusive.

**SECTION 2.** The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust

Company, New York, New York, which will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). The certificates will be on deposit with The Depository Trust Company. The Depository Trust Company will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (except that Bonds maturing in any year in an amount that is not a multiple of \$5,000 may be made in a principal amount that is a multiple of \$1,000), through book-entries made on the books and records of The Depository Trust Company and its participants.

The Bonds will bear interest payable semiannually on the first day of March and September in each year until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on March 1, 2024, at a rate or rates per annum, expressed in a multiple of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1% and proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein.

The principal of and the interest on the Bonds will be paid to the securities depository by the Township or a duly authorized paying agent on the respective maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the respective maturity dates and due dates to the participants of The Depository Trust Company as listed on the records of The Depository Trust Company as of each next preceding February 15 and August 15 (the "Record Dates" for the Bonds). The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor of the Township under the official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Clerk of the Township. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the Bonds:

Date of Bonds:	Date of Delivery
Interest Payment	
Dates:	Each March 1 and September 1 until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on March 1, 2024

**SECTION 3.** The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to deliver and to market the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of The Depository Trust Company and the final terms of sale:

***\*SAMPLE BOND FORM FOR INFORMATION\****

**ONLY - DO NOT COMPLETE OR SIGN**

REGISTERED NUMBER R-\_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED \$\_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
TOWNSHIP OF VERONA,  
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND

DATED DATE:	MATURITY	RATE OF INTEREST	CUSIP:
___/___/2023	DATE: 03/01/20__	PER ANNUM: _____ %	_____

The TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township"), hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to CEDE & CO., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, which will act as Securities Depository, on the Maturity Date specified above, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$\_\_\_\_\_), and to pay interest on such sum from the Dated Date of this bond at the Rate of Interest Per Annum specified above semiannually on the first day of March and September in each year until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on March 1, 2024. Interest on this bond will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Township or a duly appointed paying agent and will be credited to the participants of The Depository Trust Company as listed on the records of The Depository Trust Company as of the February 15 and August 15 next preceding the date of such payments (the "Record Dates" for such payments). Principal of this bond, upon presentation and surrender to the Township, will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Township and will be credited to the participants of The Depository Trust Company.

This bond is not transferable as to principal or interest except to an authorized nominee of The Depository Trust Company. The Depository Trust Company shall be responsible for maintaining the book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants are responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the bonds on behalf of individual purchasers.

The bonds of this issue maturing prior to March 1, 2032 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The bonds of this issue maturing on or after March 1, 2032 are redeemable at the option of the Township in whole or in part on any date on or after March 1, 2031 upon notice as required herein at par, plus in each case unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Township or a duly appointed bond registrar. However, as long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the bonds, notice of redemption may be sent to such Securities Depository by email or as otherwise permitted by the Securities Depository regulations. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Township determines to redeem a portion of the bonds prior to maturity, the bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Township. The bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If notice of redemption has been given as provided herein, the bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the redemption price, together with unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the bonds after the date fixed for redemption. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the bonds redeemed.

This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey and bond ordinance #2020-17 of the Township finally adopted September 21, 2020 and entitled, "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Purchase of Property in and by the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$12,800,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$12,800,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof," in all respects duly approved and published as required by law.

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on this bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been

performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed and that the issue of bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the Township, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, in the County of Essex, New Jersey has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signature of its Mayor and Chief Financial Officer, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Clerk, and this bond to be dated the Dated Date as specified above.

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

[TOWNSHIP SEAL]

ATTEST:

By: [to be executed upon issuance of bonds]  
Mayor

By: [to be executed upon issuance of bonds]  
Municipal Clerk

By: [to be executed upon issuance of bonds]  
Chief Financial Officer

**\*[END OF SAMPLE BOND FORM]\***

**SECTION 4.** The Bonds shall be sold on October 12, 2023 via the "PARITY Electronic Bid System" (PARITY) upon the terms and the conditions set forth in and described in the Full Notice of Sale authorized below and set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Full Notice of Sale"). The Full Notice of Sale shall be posted in full at The Bond Buyer Online. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the publication of the Short Notice of Sale authorized below and set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto (the "Short Notice of Sale") and the Summary Notice of Sale authorized below and set forth in Exhibit C (the "Summary Notice of Sale"). The Notices of Sale shall be posted and published as required by law not less than seven days prior to the date of sale. The full Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Short Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and the Summary Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, each with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to market the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of The Depository Trust Company and PARITY and as may be suggested by Bond Counsel. The Short Notice of Sale shall be published in the Township's local newspaper, and the Summary Notice of Sale shall be published in the Bond Buyer, a financial newspaper published and circulating in the City of New York, New York, and in The Bond Buyer Online.

**SECTION 5.** The Township hereby designates the Chief Financial Officer as the officer to sell and to award the Bonds and to act on behalf of the Township in accordance with the Notices of Sale authorized herein, and the Chief Financial Officer shall report in writing the results of the sale to this Township Council as required by law.

**SECTION 6.** The Bonds shall have printed thereon, or be accompanied with, a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC ("Bond Counsel") complete except for omission of its date.

**SECTION 7.** Bond Counsel is authorized to arrange for the printing of the Bonds, and Acacia Financial Group, Inc. (the "Municipal Advisor") or Bond Counsel are authorized to arrange for the printing of the Official Statement to be prepared in connection with the sale of the Bonds and to arrange for the distribution of the preliminary Official Statements on behalf of the Township to those financial institutions that customarily submit bids for such Bonds. The Municipal Advisor, PKF O'Connor Davies LLP, the Township's auditor, and Bond Counsel are authorized to prepare the Official Statement necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and the Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer of the Township is authorized to execute any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement. Such Official Statement may be distributed in preliminary form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of the Township by the Chief Financial Officer or by the Mayor of the Township. Final Official Statements shall be delivered to the purchaser of the Bonds within the earlier of seven business days following the sale of the Bonds or to accompany the purchaser's confirmations that request payment for the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor is further authorized to arrange on behalf of the Township for a rating on the Bonds from S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, and/or Moody's Investors Service.

**SECTION 8.** The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, as may be necessary in order to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

**SECTION 9.** In the event that The Depository Trust Company may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Township and if no successor Securities Depository is appointed, the Bonds that were previously issued in book-entry form shall be converted to registered bonds (the "Registered Bonds") in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (except that Bonds maturing in any year in an amount that is not a multiple of \$5,000 shall be issued in denominations of an integral multiple of \$1,000). The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of the Registered Bonds. The Township shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the Registered Bonds in certificate form.

**SECTION 10.** Solely for purposes of complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the Rule and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the following requirements in accordance with paragraph (d) of the Rule, for so long as the Bonds remain outstanding (unless the Bonds have been wholly defeased), the Township shall provide for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the beneficial owners thereof:

(a) On or prior to September 30 of each fiscal year, beginning September 30, 2024 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system or such other repository designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be an authorized repository for filing

secondary market disclosure information, if any, annual financial information with respect to the Township consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Township and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (1) Township indebtedness and overlapping indebtedness including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Township; (2) property valuation information; and (3) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial statements will be prepared in accordance with modified cash accounting as mandated by the State of New Jersey statutory principles in effect from time to time or with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law.

(b) If any of the following events occur regarding the Bonds, a timely notice not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event sent to EMMA:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) Modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Township;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Township or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Township, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect holders

of the Bonds, if material;

- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Township, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

For the purposes of the event identified in subparagraph (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Township in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Township, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Township.

The term "Financial Obligation" as used in subparagraphs (b)(15) and (b)(16) above means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii); provided, however, that the term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

Notice of failure of the Township to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in this resolution shall be sent in a timely manner to EMMA.

If all or any part of the Rule ceases to be in effect or is not in effect for any reason, then the information required to be provided under this resolution, insofar as the provisions of the Rule not or no longer in effect required the provision of such information, shall not or no longer be required to be provided.

The Chief Financial Officer shall determine, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of obligations of the Township prior to their offering. Such officer is hereby authorized to enter into additional written contracts or undertakings to implement the Rule and is further authorized to amend such contracts or undertakings or the undertakings set forth in this resolution, provided such amendment is, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, in compliance with the Rule.

In the event that the Township fails to comply with the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings specified in this resolution, the Township shall not be liable for monetary damages, remedy being hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings therefor.

**SECTION 11.** The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to invest the proceeds of the Bonds in investment obligations or deposits as permitted in accordance with New Jersey law.

**SECTION 12.** The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to pay the costs of issuance at or after the time of closing to the various participants regarding the sale and issuance of the Bonds, including costs for the publications, preparation and printing of the Official Statement, credit

rating, municipal advisory services, legal services and other miscellaneous costs of issuing the Bonds.

**SECTION 13.** The Chief Financial Officer and other appropriate representatives of the Township are authorized to take all other actions on behalf of the Township necessary for the sale and the delivery of the Bonds in accordance with this resolution.

**SECTION 14.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2023.**

  
**JENNIFER KIERNAN**  
**MUNICIPAL CLERK**

