

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



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA**

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

JANUARY 8, 2024

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 600 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE**

Via the internet, please click the link below to join the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95262662770>

Via telephone, please dial 1(312)626-6799 or 1(646)558-8656

Use Zoom Meeting ID: 952-6266-2770, when prompted for a Participant ID, press #

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Township Council. The meeting time and date were included in the public meeting notice along with the public internet link and telephone call-in information. Said notice and the meeting agenda 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.*

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

1. Julius N. Coltre, Essex County Liaison
2. Proclamation Presentations
  - a. Noah Boone, Eagle Scout
  - b. Andrew Robert Conte, Eagle Scout
  - c. Liam Patrick Frey, Eagle Scout
  - d. Ayden Patrick Hanlon, Eagle Scout
3. Appointments **Term Expires**
  - a. Library Board of Trustees
    - i. Michele Gruet Member 12/31/2028
    - b. Shade Tree Commission
      - i. Diane Conboy Member 12/31/2028

**E. REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

1. Public Hearing – 2024 Community Development Block Grant Application
2. Appointments **Term Expires**
  - a. Planning Board
    - i. Kevin O’Sullivan Class II Member (Emp Des) 12/31/2024
  - b. New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
    - i. Joseph O. D’Arco Commissioner 12/31/2024
    - ii. Kevin O’Sullivan Alt. Commissioner 12/31/2024
  - c. Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (Gateway BMED)
    - i. Joseph O. D’Arco Commissioner 12/31/2024
    - ii. Jennifer Muscara Alt. Commissioner 12/31/2024
3. Deputy Manager’s Report

**F. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

**G. HEARING ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCES**

**H. PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Ordinance No. 2024-01 | Bond – Supplemental Appropriation for Accessible/Sensory Playground at the Community Center (\$510,000) |
| 2. Ordinance No. 2024-02 | Bond – Acquisition and Installation of Communications Equipment for Police Vehicles (\$125,000)         |
| 3. Ordinance No. 2024-03 | Lead Paint Fees   |

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

### CONSENT AGENDA

### J. MINUTES

### K. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

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| 1. Resolution No. 2024-001  | Temporary Appropriations for Operating Expenses  |
| 2. Resolution No. 2024-002  | Cash Management Plan   |
| 3. Resolution No. 2024-003  | Fixing Depositories  |
| 4. Resolution No. 2024-004  | Designating Official Newspapers of the Township  |
| 5. Resolution No. 2024-005  | Appropriating Debt Service Requirement ***   |
| 6. Resolution No. 2024-006  | Authorizing Tax Collector to Make Corrections and/or Adjustment Not Exceeding \$10.00  |
| 7. Resolution No. 2024-007  | Authorizing Tax Collector to Refund Overpayments   |
| 8. Resolution No. 2024-008  | Setting the Rate of Penalties and Grace Period for Receipt of Delinquent Taxes   |
| 9. Resolution No. 2024-009  | Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeals Resulting in a Reduction Not Exceeding \$10,000  |
| 10. Resolution No. 2024-010 | Authorizing the Filing of Assessor's Tax Appeals, Answers, Counterclaims, Appeals and Cross Appeals in Tax Matters                                     |
| 11. Resolution No. 2024-011 | Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer  |
| 12. Resolution No. 2024-012 | Authorizing Participation in the Law Enforcement Support Office Program  |
| 13. Resolution No. 2024-013 | Appointing Boswell Engineering to Perform Construction Support and Engineering Inspection Services for Community Center Playground Improvement Project |
| 14. Resolution No. 2024-014 | Awarding Contract No. 2023-04 Community Center Playground Improvements to Picerno Giordano Construction  |
| 15. Resolution No. 2024-015 | Award Contract 2023-07 – Linn Drive Well Facility PFAS and Arsenic Treatment to Sovereign Consulting   |
| 16. Resolution No. 2024-016 | Authorize Increase in Contract with Neglia Engineering   |
| 17. Resolution No. 2024-017 | Enabling Resolution – Green Acres Supplemental Funding Request   |
| 18. Resolution No. 2024-018 | Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor  |
| 19. Resolution No. 2024-019 | Appointment of Public Defender   |
| 20. Resolution No. 2024-020 | Executive Session  |

- ### L.    **LICENSES AND PERMITS**
  - 1.    Resolution No. 2024-021            Person-to-Person Liquor License Transfer to JIMMYS RESTAURANT, LLC (0720-33-006-014)
  
- M.    **ADDENDUM**
  - 1.    Resolution No. 2023-022            Accepting the 2024 SFY Body Armor Grant
  
- N.    **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  
- O.    **PUBLIC COMMENT**
  
- P.    **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - 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)*
  
- Q.    **ADJOURNMENT**

**DUE TO THE ENACTMENT OF DANIEL'S LAW, PLEASE PROVIDE  
ONLY YOUR NAME & TOWNSHIP  
DURING PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*The Public Comment on Proposed Resolutions period for public comment for resolutions, item "E" on the agenda and is limited to just those specific items. However, the public may speak on any matter during Public Comment, listed on the agenda as item "H" on this agenda. At that time, anyone from the public wishing to speak will be recognized. Your comments shall be limited to four (4) minutes.*