

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, April 8, 2024, 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, and Councilwoman Cynthia Holland are present. Township Attorney Brian Aloia, Township Manager Joseph D'Arco, Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan and Deputy Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan are also present. Councilman Roman is absent.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tamburro addresses the arson hate crime that occurred this past Thursday morning at Our Lady of the Lake Church. He thanks the Verona Police Department, Verona Fire Department and the Rescue Squad and extends a special thank you to the Cedar Grove, Montclair and Caldwell Fire Departments for assisting at the scene and for their overall support. The Environmental Commission will be having their Grove Street Park cleanup on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Essex County Liaison, Julius Coltre approaches the lectern and reports that the Essex County Cherry Blossom Festival in Branch Brook Park is in full swing with over 5,000 cherry blossom trees in full bloom. He talks about the various events taking place during the Festival.

Mayor Tamburro reads an Arbor Day Proclamation.

He appoints Myron Spektor to the Historical Preservation Commission as an Alternate #2, Class C Member for an unexpired term ending 6/30/2024.

Manager's Report:

Mr. D'Arco presents the 2024 Municipal Budget to the Council for adoption.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-061**

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

**PERMITTING 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex did in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5* introduced and approved the annual budget for the Township at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council on March 11, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-6*, the annual budget as introduced and approved was published by summary in the Star Ledger, a newspaper circulated within the Township of Verona at least 10 days prior to April 8, 2024, the date set forth in the advertisement for public hearing to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Township Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of *N.J.S.A.40A:4-8* have been met by making for available for public inspection a complete copy of the approved budget at least one week prior to the date of the hearing and by making copies of said approved budget available to each person requesting the same during the said week and during the public hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that pursuant with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8*, the Township Council hereby determines that the Municipal Budget for the year 2024 shall

be read by its title and it is further declared that the conditions as set forth in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8* have been met.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

Public Hearing on 2024 Municipal Budget:

None.

Council comments.

CFO Jennifer Muscara approaches the lectern to explain the amendment resolution.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-062**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND INTRODUCED BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the local municipal budget for the year 2024 was approved on the 11th day of March 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and,

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2024 be made:

<b>Summary of Revenues</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
6a. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$17,775,559.65	\$17,777,069.65
6. Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	\$18,824,089.65	\$18,825,599.65
<b>7. Total General Revenues</b>	<b>\$28,252,939.69</b>	<b>\$28,254,449.69</b>
<b>8e. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Employee Group Health	\$ 2,370,915.00	\$ 2,415,391.00
<b>Total Operations {Item 8(A)} within "Caps</b>	<b>\$18,234,202.00</b>	<b>\$18,279,678.00</b>
<b>Total Operations Including Contingent - within "CAPS"</b>	<b>\$18,260,202.00</b>	<b>\$18,304,678.00</b>
<b>H-1 Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"</b>	<b>\$20,684,442.00</b>	<b>\$20,728,918.00</b>
<b>8a. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS - Operations Excluded from "CAPS"</b>		
Health Insurance Exclusion over 4%	\$ 120,085.00	\$ 75,609.00
<b>Total Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"</b>	<b>\$ 1,314,754.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,270,278.00</b>
<b>Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"</b>	<b>\$ 1,669,517.69</b>	<b>\$ 1,625,041.69</b>
<b>8d. General Appropriations - Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"</b>		

Interest on Notes	\$ 688,000.00	\$ 689,510.00
<b>Total Municipal Debt Service Excluded from "CAPS"</b>	\$ 3,777,590.00	\$ 3,779,100.00
<b>Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded (H-2)</b>	\$ 5,768,497.69	\$ 5,725,531.69
<b>(L) Subtotal General Appropriations [Items (H-1) and (O)]</b>	\$26,452,939.69	\$26,454,449.69
<b>9. Total General Appropriations</b>	\$28,252,939.69	\$28,254,449.69

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that three certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-063**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Township of Verona for the 2024 calendar year.

<b>General Appropriations:</b>	<b><u>Year 2024</u></b>
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	<b>\$ 20,728,918.00</b>
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	<b>\$ 5,725,531.69</b>
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	<b><u>\$ 1,800,000.00</u></b>
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	<b>\$ 28,254,449.69</b>
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	<b>\$ (9,428,850.04)</b>
6. Less: Minimum Library Tax (Item 6(c), Sheet 11)	<b><u>\$ (1,048,530.00)</u></b>
7. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	<b>\$ 17,777,069.65</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said Budget was published in the March 19, 2024 edition of the Star Ledger, an official newspaper of the Township of Verona.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** a hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held at a regular meeting of the governing body held on April 8, 2024 at 7 o'clock p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2024 was presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of the budget were available in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Township of Verona, at the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The budget was also posted on the Township's webpage at [www.veronanj.org](http://www.veronanj.org). All persons interested in the proposed budget

had an opportunity to address the Township Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona does hereby adopt the preceding as the Budget for the 2024 year.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

Deputy Manager Kevin O’Sullivan resumes the Mayor’s report with details on all of the projects that are in motion including the water and sewer rates, pool rate study for next pool season, water wells and the Fairview Avenue and Linn Drive wells. He also discusses the storm water management plan, new parking meter rates, local government energy audit, the Community Center playground, the Douglas Place bid opening, and the Linden Avenue design.

Councilmember’s Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy mentions today’s eclipse and the Verona Clergy Council’s interfaith event. Sustainable Verona is scheduling numerous upcoming events in the next several months and he discussions the Our Lady of the Lake tragedy and thanks everyone involved in their quick recovery. He attended the Meet the Mayor’s event on Friday, and thanks Deputy Manager O’Sullivan for his response to our residents on Derwent regarding water issues.

Councilwoman McGrath also responds to the arson damage at Our Lady of the Lake Church and reports that she attended the interfaith event. The Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory is planning many future events and discussions and the Shade Tree Commission will be meeting next week.

Councilwoman Holland echoes the comments on the damage done to Our Lady of the Lake Church and reminds the public that April is Autism Awareness month. Tomorrow is Library Workers Recognition Day and commends the amazing work of all of our Library staff. April is also Volunteer Recognition Month and she is grateful for the number of volunteers that help to make Verona work. She will be joining representatives from Cedar Grove at the first joint Flood Advisory Committee on Monday.

Public Comment:

Jamal Mahmood, Verona, New Jersey

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

**ORDINANCE No. 2024-16**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PRELIMINARY PLANNING  
EXPENSES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EVERETT FIELD LOCATED ON  
BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, BLOCK 707, LOT 10, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP  
OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY,  
APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE  
ISSUANCE OF \$47,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO  
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

A motion to move the ordinance is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

Ordinance No. 2024-16 will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 6, 2024.

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

**ORDINANCE No. 2024-17**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A565 SCHEDULE OF FEES OF  
THE TOWNSHIP CODE BY CREATING SECTION 9 "ZONING FEES"**

A motion to move the ordinance is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

Ordinance No. 2024-17 will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 6, 2024.

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

**ORDINANCE No. 2024-18**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A565-1, FEES, OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF VERONA BY AMENDING PLENARY RETAIL  
CONSUMPTION AND PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE FEES**

A motion to move the ordinance is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Mayor Tamburro.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

Ordinance No. 2024-18 will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 6, 2024.

March 11 and March 25, 2024 meeting minutes are unanimously approved.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda:

None.

Council Discussion.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

Councilwoman McGrath motions to move resolution K-8 from the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mayor Tamburro. Vote: 4 ayes.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-064**

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

**RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE  
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 26:8 et seq.* requires that a municipality shall have a Registrar of Vital Statistics with a term of office of three (3) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Farrell has received certification from the Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics the Registrar of Vital Statistics and Registry for this position.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Mary Farrell as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the period of April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2027.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be immediately certified and forwarded to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics and Registry, PO Box 370, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0370 along with any other required information.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-065**

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

**RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 26:8 et seq.* allows for the Registrar of Vital Statistics to appoint a deputy to assist in the normal day to day operations in the office and whose duties shall be to act in the registrar's stead in case of absence, disability or death of the registrar; and

**WHEREAS**, upon appointment as Registrar of Vital Statistics, Mary Farrell chooses to appoint Leslie Sullivan, who currently holds the certification of a Certified Municipal Registrar as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the appointment made by Mary Farrell, Registrar of Vital Statistics, of Leslie Sullivan as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term ending March 31, 2027.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-066**

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

**AWARDING CONTRACT No. 2024-02  
RECONSTRUCTION OF DOUGLAS PLACE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona received bids for the Reconstruction of Douglas Place – Contract No. 2024-02 on April 2, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, five (5) bids were received for Contract 2024-02; and

**WHEREAS**, DLS Contracting, Inc., 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004 was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the Base Bid Amount of \$134,435.35, conditional upon DOT approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consulting Engineer has reviewed and recommends the Contract award be made to DLS Contracting, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the contract for Contract No. 2024-02 be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, DLS Contracting, Inc., 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004 in the total amount of \$134,435.35.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Bond Ordinance No. 2023-31 and Grant Account No. 480-078-6320-10-AOP-6010 (NJ Department of Transportation Grants) or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, shall be charged against and the availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and the balance of \$134,435.35 shall be charged to Bond ordinance #2023-31.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to certify a copy of this Resolution and forthwith transmit a copy of said Certified Resolution to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-067**

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

**ACCEPTING THE AWARD  
OF THE 2024 FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION/NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received \$7,000 from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway and Traffic Safety Distracted Driving Program for the April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024 project period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is not required to match the contribution provided by the Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the acceptance for the 2024 Distracted Driving Grant in the amount of \$7,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager, Chief of Police, 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, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-068**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2024 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 DIVISION OF  
HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY DISTRACTED DRIVING 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 \$7,000 from the State of New Jersey,

Division of Highway and Traffic Safety Distracted Driving Program and wishes to amend its CY2024 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 CY2024 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$7,000 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:  
Distracted Driving Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2024 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$7,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
Distracted Driving 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, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-069**

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

**APPROVING VERONA COMMUNITY POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR THE 2024 POOL SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the Verona Community Pool 2024 Season runs from Saturday, May 25, 2024 (Memorial Day Weekend) and all weekends thereafter until Thursday, June 20, 2024 when the pool will then be open to members full time through Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024 and;

**WHEREAS**, pool membership is available to Verona residents only who may purchase guest passes as needed;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 8:26-1 et seq.*, all pool facilities must comply with existing sanitation and safety regulatory requirements for recreational bathing facilities to preserve public health set forth in the New Jersey State Sanitary Code regulations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey approve the following rules for the 2024 Verona Community Pool season:

A. *The following rules and regulations are for the benefit of all members. They have been established to ensure safe and sanitary operation of the pool facilities. All members are to obey all rules and regulations as well as instructions of the Manager and staff employees at all times. Parents must read and explain these rules to their children. Any failure to comply with these rules shall be considered sufficient cause for immediate suspension of pool privileges of the offending person by management. The Verona Pool management shall establish additional rules as required.*

1. *No one is allowed in any pool unless a lifeguard is on duty.*
2. *Deep water test may be required for use of any diving board or slide. Goggles cannot be worn on the slide or diving boards.*



3. *All members will be issued identification tags which must be shown at the front gate for admission to the pool.*
4. *Illegal transfer of badges, giving of false information or defacing of identification badges will result in revocation or suspension of membership. False or misleading representation on the pool membership application will result in an automatic revocation of the pool membership.*
5. *Lost membership tags must be reported to the Front Office or Office of Community Services immediately.*
6. *Membership in the Verona Community Pool is limited to Verona residents only, except for individuals identified in Ordinance No. 2024-11. Members are allowed in the pool facility only during regular operating hours.*
7. *The caregiver badge, can only be used when the caregiver is with the member/s that require assistance.*
8. *Only adult memberships can purchase a guest pass.*
9. *Members and guests must comply with the rules. Members are responsible for their guests.*
10. *Day Passes are available for purchase by Verona Residents only. Purchasing Day Passes are limited to three times. They can only be purchased Monday to Friday. They are not available Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> or Labor Day. In the instances that the pool is closed due to poor weather conditions, a Rain Date Day Pass will be issued if the pool closes before 4pm. Rain Date passes can be used on another day Monday to Friday.*
11. *All coolers will be inspected before entering the pool grounds. No glass, glass containers or alcohol is permitted in the pool and will be confiscated.*
12. *Consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on pool property.*
13. *Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be removed from the pool facilities.*
14. *There is a gender neutral/family restroom that is available to use at the pool. Parents & caregivers accompanying children over the age of 6 should utilize the family restroom.*
15. *Report any sign of a fecal accident to the manager immediately. Following a fecal accident in any pool, the pool will be cleared of swimmers for a minimum of one hour. The chlorine residual will be immediately checked and adjusted appropriately. This is by recommendation of the Board of Health.*
16. *Portable audio/video devices of all types must be used with earphones.*
17. *Smoking of any kind is not allowed on the pool grounds or in the pool parking lot.*
18. *No horseplay of any kind in the pool or pool areas. No balls, toys, etc. permitted in the pool or on the deck/grass areas around the pools. Balls may be used only in the recreation area.*
19. *Any conduct that endangers the safety of others or other patrons' use of the facilities shall be prohibited. No profanity, harassment, intimidation, or bullying of patrons or staff will be tolerated.*
20. *Following items are strictly enforced in the pool perimeter;*
  - a. *Walking of bicycles within the pool gates.*
  - b. *Skate Boards will be turned into the office.*
  - c. *Water pistols of any kind are prohibited.*
21. *Only children up to the age of 7 will be permitted in the baby pool.*

22. *All children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or over) to be admitted to the pool complex.*
23. *No diving into the pool except from the diving boards. Jump feet first only off the 5 ft. wall.*
24. *Only the Verona Pool provided Life Vests are permitted in the pool. No other floatation devices are allowed at any time.*
25. *There shall be no littering on pool grounds.*
26. *Swimmers are required to clear the water 20 minutes prior to closing.*
27. *Parents are responsible for their children. An adult must accompany children 5 and under at all times.*
28. *Diapers must be changed in the rest room area and disposed of in the container provided. Absolutely no changing of diapers on picnic tables.*
29. *According to N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4, all children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands when entering pool.*
30. *All persons shall shower before entering the water.*
31. *Dressing and undressing is permitted only in the locker room; discretion must be used in the locker rooms when showering/dressing.*
32. *Board of Health Rules and Commission Rules prohibit urination on the pool grounds or in the pool water.*
33. *Destruction of or defacing of pool property will result in suspension or revocation of membership and expulsion from the pool grounds.*
34. *The pool staff are not responsible for valuables brought into the pool.*
35. *Any person having a communicable disease, open blisters, cuts, sore or inflamed eyes, ears, nose or mouth infections, excessive sunburn or any type of skin disease will be excluded from the pool area.*
36. *There shall be no running or throwing of objects.*
37. *Unnecessary spouting of water, snapping of towels, roughness, or other conduct affecting the safety and comfort of others, shall not be permitted.*
38. *No loitering in the vicinity of Lifeguard stands, entrance ladders, stairs or ramp.*
39. *Pool patrons are not permitted to put up personal tents or umbrellas on pool property.*
40. *Patrons who occupy tables must be present on the pool premises.*
41. *Tables for disabled persons are marked and are reserved for individuals with disabilities and their families or guests.*
42. *Weather Closures- The Pool facility is equipped with a THOR GUARD Lightning detection system. It will sound a long horn when lightning is close. The pool facility will be closed then. ALL members must leave the facility at that time. The closing will be sent out through Community Pass. The Thor Guard will sound three short horns when the lightning has passed. If the poor weather passes before 4pm, the pool will reopen. That information will be sent out through Community Pass.*
43. *The Gazebo is available to rent in two hour blocks with a maximum of four hours for any one day. Only Verona Pool members are eligible to rent the Gazebo. All food must be brought in separately or purchased from the snack bar. There is no cooking or grilling allowed at the Gazebo. Rentals times start between 1pm & 5pm Weekdays and 12 noon &*

5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. All rentals are finished by 7pm. All Gazebo guests who are non-pool members must pay the guest fee to enter the pool grounds. There is a rain date fee available at the time of rental. Each two hour rental is \$75. The rain date fee is \$25. (There is only one rain date fee per rental date.) All Gazebo fees are non-refundable. All Pool Rules must be followed. Members are responsible for their guests.

44. The Pool Manager or Assistant Manager may close or limit the swimming pool facilities whenever, in their judgment, such action is deemed necessary or desirable for safe operation of the pool.

Splash Pad//Baby Pool Early Access is open to Pool Member Parents/Guardians/Caregivers with children 7 yrs. and younger every day after the Pool opens full time on June 21st. Early access is ONLY for the Splash Pad/Baby Pool area. There is no access during this time to the main pool, slides or any attractions. Access to the Splash Pad/Baby Pool is through the Main Gate. The Splash Pad/ Baby pool early access hours are Monday to Friday, 10am to 12 noon and Sat/Sun 10am to 11am.

POOL OPENS FULL TIME FRIDAY, JUNE 21st, 2024 AT 12 NOON

HOURS of OPERATION for 2024 POOL SEASON

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday... .....12:00pm (Noon) to 8:00pm  
 Friday ... .. 12:00pm (Noon) to 9:00pm  
 Saturday (ADULTS ONLY - 18+) .....10:00am to 11:00am  
 Saturday.....11:00am to 8:00pm  
 Sunday (ADULTS ONLY - 18+).....10:00am to 11:00am  
 Sunday ..... 11:00am to 8:00pm

Family Nights: Tuesdays 4pm to 8pm June 25th, July 9th,  
 July 31st (Special Wednesday Night for Concert), August 6th & August 20th  
 (Must have a valid ID showing your Verona address)

B. First violation of any rule may result in suspension of membership for up to 2 weeks. Second or subsequent violation of any rule may result in 2-week suspension or revocation of membership. A bounced check will result in membership suspension or revocation. Suspended members will not be permitted on pool grounds and may not enter the pool as a guest or on other type of pass. By entering the pool, you agree to the following statement:

**I HAVE READ THE VERONA COMMUNITY POOL RULES AND  
 AGREE THAT I, MY FAMILY MEMBERS AND ANY GUESTS  
 WILL ABIDE BY ALL POOL RULES.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Council of the Township of Verona hereby approves the 2024 Community Pool Season rules and authorize the Acting Director of Community Services to establish and enforce these rules as deemed necessary.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-070**

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

**REFUND TAX COURT JUDGMENT**

**WHEREAS**, notification has been received from the Tax Court reducing the assessment on property located at 100 Bloomfield Avenue owned by EVI Realty Inc. Block 202 lot 44 as follows:

Year	Assessment Reduced	Tax Rate	Refund
2023	329,700	3.062	10,095.42

**Total Refund                    \$10,095.42**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector be authorized to refund \$10,095.42 to:

Stavitsky & Associates, LLC  
350 Passaic Avenue  
Fairfield, NJ 07004

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-071**

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Mayor Tamburro 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, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

Council discusses the fee for renting the pool to the Cougars during the summer. Council agrees the increase in the fee should reflect the increase in all pool fees.

Public Comment on Resolution K8:

None.

A motion to table resolution K-8 is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy. Vote: 4 ayes.

Public Comment on Addendum items:

None.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-072**

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

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY  
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2024 SUSTAINABLE JERSEY-  
PSE&G ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic, and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona is participating in Sustainable Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of Sustainable Jersey is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created the 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program to help increase energy efficiency for residents, businesses, and municipal facilities. This Program includes a Sustainable Jersey Start-up Grant funded by PSE&G in the amount of \$2,500 for first-time participants.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona has determined that the Township of Verona should apply for the aforementioned 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program and \$2,500 Start-up Grant (one-time per municipality upon entering the Program).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Township of Verona, applying for the 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, will provide staff support for all activities related to the Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, including and will

- Identify one or more staff to serve as primary contacts for Sustainable Jersey for the projects selected (e.g. outreach campaigns; energy efficiency in municipal facilities)
- Provide access to utility bills and other energy records as needed for the project (energy efficiency in municipal facilities)
- Commit to attend a virtual kick-off event and other virtual trainings (energy efficiency outreach campaigns)
- Provide support from relevant finance, facility, and other staff as needed for project implementation

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Township Council of the Township of Verona, State of New Jersey, authorizes submission of the aforementioned application to the 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-073**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ONE WATER CONSULTING, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has a need for Professional Services for a consultant for permits in the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, One Water Consulting, LLC, 101 Poor Farm Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 has agreed to provide such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deputy Township Manager has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will not exceed \$75,000 for such services; and,

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 4-05-55-502-028 Water/Sewer Professional Consulting, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, One Water Consulting, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that North Jersey Pump & Controls, LLC 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 One Water Consulting, LLC 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 awarded to One Water Consulting, LLC to provide service, repair and maintain of the pumps at the Waste Water Treatment Plant:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The services requested shall not exceed \$75,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-074**

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

**AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 2024-01  
LOADING, TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY OF LIQUID SLUDGE**

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2024, the Township issued a solicitation to bid for the Loading, Transportation and Delivery of Liquid Sludge Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid opening date was originally scheduled for March 7, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, by way of an addendum, the bid opening date of March 7, 2024 was cancelled and the bid opening day was rescheduled for March 15, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2024, the Township of Verona received bids for Contract 2024-01- Loading, Transportation and Delivery of Liquid Sludge; and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) bids were received for Contract 2024-01; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2024, the Township received a timely sealed bid from Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service, Inc. by way of FedEx, however, the sealed bid package was delivered to the Town Manager's Office where it remained unopened in the Manager's secure office suite; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2024, the Township Clerk publicly opened and read aloud two (2) bids from Waste Management of New Jersey and Spectraserv Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid package from Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service, Inc. received by the Township on March 14, 2024, was not forwarded interoffice to the Township Clerk until March 15, 2024, after the bids were publicly opened and read aloud, because the Manager's assistant was not in the office on the date the bid was received; and

**WHEREAS**, because the Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service bid was received in a timely fashion, was maintained by the Township in a secure location, was sealed and not opened with the other two bids only because of the Township's failure to recognize the bid had been received in the mail the day before, the Township determined that the bid should be accepted and considered along with the other two bids; and

**WHEREAS**, of the three (3) bids received by the Township, Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed the bids and recommends the Contract award be made to Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service, Inc., as the lowest responsive

and responsible bid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Contract No. 2024-01 be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Russell Reid Waste Management, 200 Smith Street, Keasbey, NJ 08832 for rates provided on the proposal and based upon historical sludge production from the Waste Water Treatment Plant of \$1.1M gallons per year, the total contract value for the first 12 months shall be estimated at \$59,070 while actual costs will be paid upon at the actual sludge hauled. Future contract value will be subject to actual quantities and unit prices in place at the time of service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this expenditure shall be charged against an account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial officer or her designee and the availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement or any other required documents for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to certify to a copy of this Resolution and forthwith transmit a copy of said Certified Resolution to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Roman

New Business:

Mayor Tamburro states the Administration did some good work in prioritizing certain items in the capital budget. He encourages the public to look at the capital budget. He also requests that before the May meeting the council members share their thoughts with the Township Manager and Deputy Manager and express concerns, if any, etc. Councilwoman McGrath states she has met with Mr. D'Arco and Mr. O'Sullivan over some of her concerns with the capital budget.

Public Comment

Timothy Kuhlmann, Verona, New Jersey

Council enters into Executive Session at 8:25 and will not take any further action this evening.

Council enters back into Public Session at 8:52.

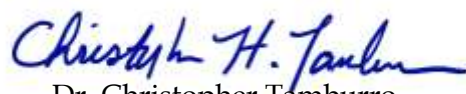
Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Tamburro.

The next Council Meeting is May 6, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Kiernan  
Municipal Clerk

  
Dr. Christopher Tamburro  
Mayor

APPROVED: May 6, 2024