

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

RESOLUTION No. 2024-040

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

**AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE
NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMUNITY ENERGY
PLAN GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona strives to assure clean land, air and water for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Energy Master Plan: Pathway to 2050 ("EMP") established that community-level action is necessary to achieve the state's goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has created a Community Energy Plan Grant program for municipalities to develop a community energy plan to meet the goals of the state's Energy Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona is invested in developing a community energy plan to help the state achieve the goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Community Energy Plan Grant program will help the Township of Verona to plan for and invest in renewable energy and to work towards a better environment for all residents by using the state's Energy Master Plan (EMP) as a guide to develop sustainable strategies that increase clean energy production, reduce energy use, and cut emissions.

THEREFORE, the Township Council of the Township of Verona has determined that the Township of Verona should apply for the aforementioned Community Energy Planning Grant program; and

THEREFORE, the Township of Verona will commit to providing staff support for the duration of the Community Energy Planning process, including for gathering of relevant data and for convening at least one public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Township Council of the Township of Verona, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned application to the NJBPU Community Energy Planning Grant program.

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 A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2024.


**JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

