Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, August 18, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey, and via Zoom video conferencing.

Call to Order:

The Municipal Clerk reads the notice of Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Mayor Tamburro, Deputy Mayor McEvoy, Councilman Roman, Councilwoman McGrath, Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan, Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus, Township Attorney Brian Aloia, and Assistant to the Municipal Clerk Jessica Rodriguez are present.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tamburro conducts a moment of silence to respect and honor middle school teacher Christine Gasalberti's recent passing. He then thanks all involved for their participation in the meeting related to the emergency services building. The mayor attended the screening for Happy Gilmore II, encourages everyone to attend the September 11th Commemoration Ceremony and concludes by wishing everyone a happy school year ahead.

Essex County Liaison, Julius Coltre is not present in tonight's meeting.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan reports on the status of multiple projects including the 2025 pool season, wastewater infrastructure, the primary clarifier pump station improvement and the drinking water system. The status of various road projects are discussed as well as the council chambers technology renewal, building facility needs and the community services projects.

Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus reports and provides updates on the Verona Community Center, OPEIU contract, NJ Lead Law, mid-year budget review, operating expenses and rent control.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy thanks all parties involved in organizing National Night Out and for everyone who attended. He concludes by also thanking everyone who attended the public safety building meeting last week on Zoom.

Councilman Roman waves his report for this evening.

Councilwoman McGrath also thanks all involved in the attendance of the emergency services complex building meeting as well as all involved regarding National Night Out. She concludes by expressing her happiness with the attendance of the Happy Gilmore movie screening.

Councilwoman Holland congratulates our Emergency Services for such a successful National Night Out. She thanks all residents and staff in the review of the emergency services building and attended the Happy Gilmore movie screening. She reminds residents that the pool remains open and encourages residents to participate in the UNICO Labor Day Classic. She concludes by wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable last few days of summer.

Public Comment:

None.

Consent Agenda is moved by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda:

None.

Council Discussion on Consent Agenda.

Resolutions L-1 to L-11 are approved by a vote of 5-0 and will be numbered 2025-197 through and including 207.

RESOLUTION No. 2025-197

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH 1075 EMERGENCY LIGHTING LLC, D/B/A/ 10-75 EMERGENCY VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Verona Police Department requires installation of equipment in the police patrol cars including, but not limited to lights, sirens, partitions, radios, consoles, dash cams, radar units and supply cabinets; and

WHEREAS, 10-75 Emergency Vehicles provides said services and is under NJ State Contract #17-FLEET00743.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that 1075 Emergency Lighting LLC, dba 10-75 Emergency Vehicles, under NJ State Contract #17-FLEET00743 is hereby awarded a contract for providing installation of equipment in patrol cars for the police department in an amount not to exceed $70,000.00, charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(w) or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-198

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MES SERVICE COMPANY LLC

WHEREAS, the Verona Police Department requires bulletproof vests and masks; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified purchasing Agent has determined that the value of these services will exceed $17,500; and

WHEREAS, MES Service Company LLC, 12 Turnberry Lane, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 is under NJ State Contract #22-FLEET-01813; and

WHEREAS, MES Service Company, LLC. will provide such goods at a cost not-to-exceed $75,000, charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(w) or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that MES Service Company LLC, 12 Turnberry Lane, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 is hereby awarded a contract to provide bulletproof vests and masks to

the police department in an amount not to exceed $75,000, charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(w) or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-199

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT NIELSEN FORD OF MORRISTOWN, INC.

WHEREAS, a need exists for the acquisition of Police rated vehicle for the daily operations of the Township of Verona Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the Educational Services Commission of NJ (ESC Co-op #65MCESCCPS-ESCNJ 23/24-11 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:1I-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et seq., and

WHEREAS, Nielsen Ford of Morristown, Inc. has proposed a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor in the amount of $51,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, that Nielsen Ford of Morristown, Inc. is hereby awarded a contract for a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor in an amount not to exceed $51.000.00, charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(w) or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-200

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

AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH OXBLUE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona desires to enhance security at the Everett Field project site; and

WHEREAS, OxBlue, LLC produces a camera product that improves project delivery and enhances communications while facilitating real-time monitoring from any location and is equipped with a solar panel eliminating concerns of a lack of electrical source; and

WHEREAS, additional features include integrated cellular antenna, cybersecurity firmware, a 360-degree field of view, live steaming capability and adjustable camera angles controlled from a dashboard using a desktop of mobile phone; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager recommends that the Township Council authorize the execution of an agreement with OxBlue to provide said products; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to account C-53-46-040-055 and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to OxBlue, LLC is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5* and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure

Form submitted by OxBlue, LLC have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby authorizes the execution of a contract for Professional Services with OxBlue, LLC to provide a 8MP Sapphire Series PTZ Cellular Camera in an amount not to exceed without further authorization of the Township Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and OxBlue, LLC shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYES:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-201

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, INC.

WHEREAS, the Verona Police Department requires the acquisition of new firearms; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified purchasing Agent has determined that the value of these services will exceed $17,500; and

WHEREAS, Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., 104 Independence Way, Coatesville, PA 19320 is under NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00767; and

WHEREAS, Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. will provide such products at a cost not-to-exceed $37,000, charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(w) or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., 104 Independence Way, Coatesville, PA 19320 is hereby awarded a contract to provide firearms for the police department in an amount not to exceed $37,000, charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(w) or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-202

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

PERMITTING THE REMOVAL OF AN EXTRAORDINARY TREE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 493, ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 21(C) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the property owner at 55 Oakridge Road, Block 2209, Lot 5, has requested a permit to remove a White-Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, with a diameter exceeding thirty-six (36) inches, said tree is defined as extraordinary trees in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Red-Oak tree is forty-three (43) inches in diameter at breast height (DBH); and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the tree has 50% canopy dieback and a large area of the stalk is decayed at the root flare; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 493, Article II, paragraph 21(C) of the Township Code states that removal of extraordinary trees shall be prohibited except upon the specific written recommendation of the Zoning Official after consultation of the Township Forester and approval by resolution of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester and Zoning Official have recommended in the attached memorandums that the trees be removed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the property owner is permitted to remove the extraordinary trees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall serve as the written authorization pursuant to Chapter 493, Article II, Paragraph 21(C).

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-203

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath 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 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT 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 $6,533.08 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the National Opioid Settlement Grant and wishes to amend its CY2025 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 CY2025 Municipal Budget in the sum of $6,533.08 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:
National Opioid Settlement Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2025 Municipal Budget in the like sum of $6,533.08 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
National Opioid Settlement 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, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-204

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

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has advised the Township Council that there is obsolete equipment that is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(7)* authorizes the disposition of personal property not needed for public use as part of a purchase to offset the price of the new purchase; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to dispose of said equipment

1) 2011 FORD F350 TRUCK F3H 1FDRF3H61BEC77290
2) 2012 FORD PICKUP 1FDUF4HYXCEC46364
3) FORD UTILITY BED FOR A FORD F350 PICKUP
4) CPS FX3030 AC CHARGING UNIT FX3030-19040196
5) SIX (6) ALUMINUM 6' PICNIC TABLES WITH ATTACHED BENCHES
6) THE BOSS SNOW PLOW 7'6" S/N BC076576
7) TWO (2) ALUMINUM BLEACHERS 15'
8) TWO (2) GRACO 3900 LINE DRIVER (STRIPERS)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the obsolete equipment referenced by the Township Manager which is no longer needed for public use by the Township shall be disposed of according to the manner as prescribed by law.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-205

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

REFUNDING TAX LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, property located at 11 Wedgewood Drive unit 92, Block 1712 Lot 1 Qualifier C0092, owned by [redacted], has been held in tax lien since December 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, payment was received, in the amount of $10,529.85 from Tomas Castellanos-Nunez, clearing the lien as follows:

Certificate #24-00004	
Certificate	$2,965.59
2% Redemption Penalty	$ 59.31
Recording Fee	$ 55.00
Search Fee	$ 12.00
2024 Taxes plus Interest and Penalty	$6,116.51
2025 Taxes plus Interest and Penalty	$1,321.44
Total Redemption	$10,529.85
Premium	$16,300.00
Total	**$26,829.85**

WHEREAS, this certificate has been held by the Township of Verona and the certificate has been received and properly signed for cancellation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector be authorized to refund, from Trust, $26,829.85 to:

[redacted]
PO Box 141
Wyckoff, NJ 07481

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-206

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

AWARDING A THIRTY-SIX MONTH LEASE ARIES BUILDING SYSTEMS, LLC FOR THE FURNISHING OF ONE (1) MODULAR BUILDING FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Police Department is in need of a 12x44' (temporary) modular building to utilize as a locker room for police officers; and

WHEREAS, Aries Building Systems, LLC, 1913 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 198A, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736 provides for the rental, customization, installation and removal of such modular buildings; and

WHEREAS, three (3) quotes were requested and Aries Building Systems, LLC was the lowest, responsive and responsible proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department shall lease one 12x44' modular office trailer, and the lease shall be for thirty-six (36) months in the amount of $825 per month, for a total amount not to exceed $29,700 for the term of the lease plus an additional amount not to exceed $23,210 for delivery, anchor, skirt, customization, ADA landing and stairs; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this thirty-six (36) month lease contract not to exceed $52,910; and

WHEREAS, Aries Building Systems, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Aries Building Systems, 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 Aries Building Systems, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

WHEREAS, as this is a multi-year Contract, for the additional calendar years it is contingent upon the adoption of temporary and/or permanent budgets for those years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to account 5-01-25-240-265 or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the responsibility of the police department responsible to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts the Township Manager's recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, as follows:

1. The Township Manager, or his designee, and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a lease contract in the total amount not to exceed $52,910 for a three-year lease as indicated herein and any other necessary documents, with Aries Building Systems, LLC, 1913 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 198A, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736 as described herein.
2. This lease-contract, with minimal changes approved by the Township Attorney standard in a lease contract, is authorized pursuant to the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-207

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath 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 exist.

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, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

Public Comment:

None.

Council goes into Executive Session at 8:01 pm and returns into Public Session at 9:13 p.m.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:14pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rodriguez
Assistant to the Municipal Clerk

Christopher H. Tamburro
Mayor

APPROVED: September 8, 2025