Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, October 5, 2026, 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, Councilman Schor, Councilwoman McGrath, Deputy Mayor McEvoy, Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan, Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus, Township Attorney Brian Aloia, and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are present.

Councilman Roman is present via Zoom.

Mayor's Report:
Mayor Tamburro attended the unveiling of the pollinator garden project at the Verona High School and thanks the students and all involved for helping to make the garden a success. He also attended the Tax Relief Application Event, the town wide garages sales and the flag raising for the Italian American Heritage month. The mayor lastly comments on the Historical Preservation Commission meeting and reminded all residents that this week is VMAC Family Night.

The Mayor presents a proclamation to the Verona Juniors for Verona Fights Hunger Week.

J. Coltre, Essex County Liaison reports on various Essex County events including Computer and Electronic Day on October 17th, UPS Positive Recruitment Day on October 14th, Gardens Aglow on October 16th, Riker Hill on November 7th and 8th and Strut your Mutt on October 17th and 24th.

The Mayor makes the following appointments:

Environmental Commission		**Unexpired Term Ending**
- Joe Sudia	Regular Member	1/15/2027
- Elizabeth Zalme	Alternate #1	1/15/2027

Manager's Report:
Eric Callocchia from New Gen Strategies & Solutions makes a presentation on their water rate study.

Pam Priscoe, Director of Community Services leads a 2027 Community Pool discussion

San Chavan, H2M Associates leads a discussion on Zoning.

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan provides brief updates on several township and county properties and recreational facilities.

Councilmember's Reports:
Deputy Mayor McEvoy attended the Junior Environmental Commissioners presentation, the Italian Heritage Flag Raising and the Property Tax Relief Event and thanks all involved in set up and execution. Sustainable Verona Secured a Pilot for composting and there was a meeting with Board of Ed representatives regarding a subcommittee to talk about Pilots.

Councilman Roman echoes the Deputy Mayor's comments regarding the productive meeting with the Board of Ed and thanks his colleagues for taking the time to meet with them. He lastly apologizes for not being able to be present in person for tonight's meeting but looks forward to seeing everyone again very soon.

Councilwoman McGrath attended the Juniors 100th Celebration and was featured as a panelist on a webinar on implementing safe streets at the local level and thanks all in attendance. She lastly extends her congratulations to Congresswoman McIver on the birth of her second daughter.

Councilman Schor begins by recognizing breast cancer awareness month and all of the survivors, fighters and families affected by the disease. Tomorrow at the Verona Public Library there will be a Hispanic Heritage Celebration and he thanks the mayor on his remarks at UNICO. He lastly attended the very moving garden project at the Verona High School and the Juniors 100th Celebration.

Public Comment:

Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey
Nick Amato, Verona, New Jersey
Jan Zales, Verona, New Jersey
Joann Chasnow, Verona, New Jersey
Jackie Rosa, Verona, New Jersey
Walt Steinmann, Verona, New Jersey
Jessica Pearson, Verona, New Jersey

Hearing, Adoption or Amendment of Ordinances

ORDINANCE # 2026-30

FIXING THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF THE LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title.

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

Public Hearing: None

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

Ordinance 2026-30 is unanimously adopted.

Ordinances for Introduction

ORDINANCE #2026-31

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 430 "SITE PLAN REVIEW" IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH A NEW CHAPTER 430 "SITE PLAN REVIEW" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title.

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

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

Ordinance 2026-31 is introduced by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on October 19, 2026.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

None.

RESOLUTION No. 2026-211

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township and New Jersey American desire to enter into this Emergency Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") in order to provide an emergency interconnection(s) between both parties' water distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey American agrees, subject to the conditions of the agreement, to provide to the Township potable water through Forest Avenue and Fairway Avenue's existing interconnections with the Township; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is in the best interests of the Township of Verona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that authorization to execute an emergency interconnection agreement with New Jersey American Water Company, Inc be granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, the Township Clerk and any other officer as may be deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute the emergency interconnection agreement on behalf of the Township.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-212

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

APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT No. 2021-06 PRIMARY CLARIFIER PUMP STATION UPGRADES

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2026-086 approved Change Order #1 for Contract 2021-06 Primary Pump Clarifier Pump Station Upgrades to Rapid Pump Meter, increasing the base bid amount 3.43% to $1,281,408.96; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #2 is for a change in the contract completion to August 28, 2026 to allow for additional SCADA work required; and

WHEREAS, Contract Change No. 2 is in the best interests of the Township of Verona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Contract Change No. 2 be approved at no additional cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, the Township Clerk and any other officer as may be deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute Contract Change No. 2 for Contract No. 2021-06 on behalf of the Township.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-213

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BIS DIGITAL.

WHEREAS, the Township requires audio-visual upgrades for the Public Library for audio visual equipment, supplies and services; and

WHEREAS, BIS Digital is contracted through the TIPS Cooperative (Contract #230901); and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase shall not exceed the total amount of $65,839.32 and shall be charged to budget lines 6-01-29-390-063/G-60-41-726-335 any account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Verona, County of Essex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

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 services requested shall not exceed $65,839.32 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
3. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-214

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING

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

WHEREAS, East Coast Emergency Lighting provides said services and is under NJ State Contract Whelen 17-FLEET-00761.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that East Coast Lighting, under NJ State Contract Whelen 17-FLEET-00761 is hereby awarded a contract for providing installation of equipment in patrol cars for the police department in an amount not to exceed $50,000.00, charged to C-53-46-040-076 or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-215

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH FOVEONICS IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Custodian of Records desires to move to phase II of digitizing the permanent records of the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed $17,500; and,

WHEREAS, Foveonics Imaging Technologies has submitted a proposal indicating they will digitalize the permanent records of the Township and Office of the Municipal Clerk at a cost not-to-exceed $78,603.20 for the 2026 budget year; and,

WHEREAS, services provided by Foveonics shall be charged to Capital budget account C-53-46-040-010 for an amount of $8,700 and $69,903.30 to account C-53-46-040-043 and availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Foveonics Imaging Technologies is contracted through State contract ESCNJ-25/26-40 through November 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, that a contract be awarded to Foveonics Imaging Technologies, 99 Grayrock Road, Suite 103, Clinton, New Jersey 08809, and hereby authorizes the Township Manager and Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-216

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

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF CONTRACT WITH GEMA CONSTRUCTION LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona requires cement work at the waste water treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council approved resolution no. 2026-172 as the Qualified Purchasing Agent determined that the value of said services would not exceed $26,000.00 without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, there is additional cement work to be completed in an amount not to exceed $27,000; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. C-51-44-997-028 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that GEMA Construction, LLC, South River, New Jersey be awarded a contract to provide such services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that GEMA Construction LLC is hereby awarded a contract for providing services in an amount not to exceed $27,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

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

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-217

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH G. FRASSO GROUP, LLC

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works deposits soil dug up from various jobs and requires removal of the soil from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services will not exceed $38,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 6-01-26-306-210 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that G. Frasso Group, LLC, Cedar Grove, New Jersey be awarded a contract to provide such services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that G. Frasso Group, LLC is hereby awarded a contract for providing services in an amount not to exceed $38,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

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

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-218

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MAIN POOL AND CHEMICAL COMPANY

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the purchase of various chemicals used in the operation of Pool Utility specifically; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services will not exceed $52,999.00; and

WHEREAS, Main Pool and Chemical Company submitted a proposal for sodium hypochlorite tablets and is contracted through the Morris County Co-Op, Contract #17; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 6-45-502-342 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.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Main Pool and Chemical Company, Pittston, PA is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of various chemicals used in the operation of Water/Sewer Utility not to exceed $52,999.00.

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

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-219

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 Police Department requires firearm equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services will not exceed $75,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. C-53-46-040-076 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that MES Service Company, LLC, Sandy Hook, Connecticut be awarded a contract to provide such services.

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 is hereby awarded a contract for providing services in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

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

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-220

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to for various printing and mailing services; and

WHEREAS, MGL Printing Solutions provides such services; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed the pay to play threshold of $17,500 but will not exceed $25,000; and,

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account Nos. 6-05-55-502-022/6-01-20-145-022 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to MGL Printing Solutions. to provide printing and mailing services to the Township of Verona:

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 $25,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-221

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.

WHEREAS, the rescue squad and fire department members require pagers and APX 800XE (all-band digital portable 2-way radios); and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions, Inc., provides such goods and is contracted with State of New Jersey contract #19198 and Master Contract #83909; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase shall not exceed the total amount of $45,000.00 and shall be charged to line C-53-46-040-077/C-53-46-040-083 and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Verona, County of Essex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

4. 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.
5. The services requested shall not exceed $45,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
6. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-222

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO PREMIRE GROUNDWORK SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to remove, repair or replace concrete sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services may exceed $17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to budget line nos. 6-05-55-502-162/C-53-46-040-037/C-53-46-040-036/C-53-46-040-039/C-53-46-040-064 or any 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.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Premier Groundwork Solutions, 92 Monroe Street, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009 is hereby awarded a contract for construction services on sidewalks within the Township for an amount not to exceed $24,500.

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

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-223

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

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF CONTRACT WITH RIO SUPPLY INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona's water/sewer utility requires water meters/data records & radio frequency meter interface units to accurately calculate water volume and consumption, calculate utility bills and manage overall system operations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopted resolution no. 2026-145 awarding the contract to Rio Supply Inc. for services mentioned above and the Qualified Purchasing Agent determined that the value of said services would not exceed $45,000.00 without further Council approval; and

WHEREAS, there is additional cement work to be completed in an amount not to exceed $15,000; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 6-05-55-502-331 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Rio Supply Inc. is hereby awarded an increase of the original contract for providing services in an additional amount not to exceed $15,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

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

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-224

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH STANZIALE CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona needs to excavate water box trenches on Linden Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Stanziale Construction, LLC provides such services; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed the pay to play threshold of $17,500 but will not exceed $29,700; and,

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. C-51-44-997-020 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to Highway Traffic Control Inc. to provide printing and mailing services to the Township of Verona:

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The services requested shall not exceed $29,700 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-225

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 28 Birdseye Glen, block 602, lot 28, has requested a permit to remove a Red Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter of forty-two inches (42″) and is defined as an extraordinary tree in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the tree is located in the backyard and is a hazard to the owner's and neighbor's properties and should be removed immediately; 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 Zoning Official is in agreement with the Township Forester's recommendations as stated in the attached memorandum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that due to the forester's concern, immediate removal of the 42″ Red Oak tree is warranted pursuant to Chapter 493 of the Township Code.

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: Schor, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-226

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 44 Mountain Road, block 2208, lot 8, has requested a permit to remove a Red Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter of thirty-nine inches (39") and is defined as an extraordinary tree in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the tree had its entire crown split off in the recent storm, splitting the limbs which will cause decay; 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 Zoning Official is in agreement with the Township Forester's recommendations as stated in the attached memorandum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that due to the forester's concern, immediate removal of the 39" Red Oak tree is warranted pursuant to Chapter 493 of the Township Code.

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: **Schor, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro**
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-227

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

REFUNDING ESCROW PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Escrow fees for the Planning Board were received from BNE Associates and the fees have been held in Trust; and

WHEREAS, certification has been received from our Planning Board Secretary to release these funds, from Trust, as follows:

ESCROW AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
$170,616.92	$148,706.14	$21,910.78

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector be authorized to refund, from the Trust Account, $21,910.78 to BNE Associates.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Schor, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-228

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

AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE THROUGH AN ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION

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 authorizes a contracting unit to dispose of personal property not needed for public use through a public sale to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona intends to utilize the online auction services GovDeals located online at govdeals.com and

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted in full compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and the relevant regulatory guidance of the Division of Local Government Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that the property listed below shall be advertised for sale and sold to the highest bidder via public auction on line at www.govdeals.com/verona

SURPLUS LIST, it is in the best interest of the Township to auction said equipment

1) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria VIN: 2FABP7BV5BX109294
2) 2006 Hyundai Blue Sonata VIN: 5NPEU46FX6H143188
3) 2013 Ford Int VIN: 1FAHP2M88DG152878
4) 2005 FRE Truck VIN: 1FVACYDJ05HU12347
5) 2010 Ford Truck VIN: 1FTLR1FE9APA14032
6) 2018 Wagon White XPL VIN: 1FM5K8AR3JGC19745
7) Police L3 Mobile Cameras (sold as a package) to include:
   (a) L3 Mobile Monitors 3.5 TFT LCD (9 units) for rear seat passenger

BPSG0276 Rev.C05	FBE 305487
BPSG0271 Rev. C05	FBE30548
BPSG0272 Rev.C05	FBE305486
BPSG0274 Rev.C05	FBE305483
BPSG0275 Rev.C05	FBE305485
BPSG0278 Rev.C05	FBE305488
BPVL0148 Rev.C05	FBE31366
BPW10088 Rev.C06	FB408483
BPSG0246 Rev.C05	FBE305489

   b) L3 Mobile Vision Camera Rear Passenger Monitoring (9 units)

MODEL	**S/N**	**OTHER**
MVD2581RR REV.01	K29102011 V4C40115	FBE 305484
ZAS 1RCAM5 (V3.1)	CL18050022	FBH 408483
MVD2581R REV.01	K29102011V4C4113	FBE 305483
MVD2581R REV.01	K29102011V4C4116	FBE 305490
MVD2581R REV.01	K29102011V4C4114	FBE 305486
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c) L3 Windshield Cameras

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K(unknown) Verona # 236	

d) L3 Flashbacks
EF319140042, EF319140081, EF318140025, EF318140024
EFH13180043, EF319140092, EF309140013, EF320140009,
EF348170034

e) DSP/CCD Digital Camera S/N 81700102, misc. mounting brackets and wiring harnesses and communication boxes

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 auctioned according to the manner prescribed by law.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-229

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 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: Schor, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-230

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

APPOINTING MARK TABAKIN, ESQ., OF SCARINCI HOLLENBECK AS HEARING OFFICER FOR AN EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY MATTER PURSUANT TO A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona requires the services of a qualified professional to serve as a Hearing Officer in connection with a pending employee disciplinary matter; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to acquire these services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Mark Tabakin, Esq., of Scarinci Hollenbeck, located at 150 Clove Rd 9th Floor, Little Falls Township, NJ 07424, possesses the necessary legal qualifications, expertise, and independence required to conduct an impartial hearing, review the evidence, and make recommendations regarding this disciplinary matter; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for the duration of the disciplinary proceedings, not to exceed one year from the date of appointment; and

WHEREAS, Mark Tabakin / Scarinci Hollenbeck has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have 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 them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose in Account No. 6-01-20-155-028, in an amount not to exceed $17,500;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Appointment: Mark Tabakin, Esq., of Scarinci Hollenbeck, is hereby appointed as Hearing Officer to preside over the employee disciplinary matters, to conduct the hearings, and to issue findings of fact and recommendations to the Township administration.
2. Contract Authorization: The Township Manager and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Scarinci Hollenbeck for professional services at a flat rate of $1,500.00 per day or any portion thereof, in an amount not to exceed $17,500.
3. Non-Fair and Open Compliance: This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Non-Fair and Open" contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this resolution.
4. Professional Services Notice: This resolution is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)) because the services are specialized and require advanced legal training.
5. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

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

New Business

1. Council discusses potential ordinances such as rent control regulations, overnight parking, water and sewer connection fees and 2027 pool fees.
2. Appointment
   a. Board of Adjustment **Unexpired term ending**
      i. Edith Reis Regular Member 1/15/2028
      ii. Larry Raff Alternate #1 1/15/2027
3. Mayor Tamburro wishes to establish a committee to assist the Township Manager with negotiations with Essex County regarding Veteran's Field and other properties. He appoints himself and Deputy Mayor McEvoy. Vote: 5 ayes

Public Comment

Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey

Executive Session:
Council enters into executive session at 10:29 p.m. and returns to the public session at 10:45 p.m.

Adjournment:
A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. is made by Mayor Tamburro; seconded by Councilman Schor.

The next meeting is October 19, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Christopher H. Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: November 9, 2026