

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 7, 2020

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

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

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

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Township Council which is being held via Zoom video conferencing due to restrictions on indoor public gatherings resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the time and date were included in the public meeting notice. This information, along with the public internet link and telephone call-in information was posted in the Municipal Building, and sent the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger and MyVeronaNJ.com and TAPinto, the official online news source(s) of the Township, at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at www.veronanj.org/councilmeetings. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda and instructions on how to comment will be provided at the appropriate time.

B. ROLL CALL

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

1. Julius N. Coltre, Essex County Liaison
2. Proclamation – Share Your Light Night

E. REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

1. 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application Discussion/Hearing

F. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

G. HEARING ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2020-24 Special Emergency Appropriation – Current Fund (\$450,000)***
2. Ordinance No. 2020-25 Special Emergency Appropriation – Swimming Pool Utility Operating Fund (\$300,000)***

H. PROPOSED ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2020-26 Recodification of the Township Code

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

J. MINUTES

1. November 23, 2020 – Regular Meeting

K. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 2020-198 Budget Appropriation Transfer – Current Fund***
2. Resolution No. 2020-199 Authorize Contact with Harper Control Solutions Inc.

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3. Resolution No. 2020-200 Authorize Contact with Miracle Chemical Co
4. Resolution No. 2020-201 Chapter 159 – 2020 VMAC Grant
5. Resolution No. 2020-202 Authorizing Tax Duplicate Payment Refund – Wedgewood Drive, Unit 38
6. Resolution No. 2020-203 Cancel Taxes (Block 2301, Lots 17 & 18)
7. Resolution No. 2020-204 Tax Overpayment Refund – 2 Claridge Dr., #10MW
8. Resolution No. 2020-205 Tax Redemption Refund – 1 Claridge Dr., #425
9. Resolution No. 2020-206 Executive Session

L. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**

M. **ADDENDUM**

N. **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Requesting a Policy Outlining All Volunteer Board and Commission Members Training for Implicit Bias and Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Reporting Policies *(Requested by Councilwoman McGrath)*
2. Requesting a Written Policy Outlining Employee Training *(Requested by Councilwoman McGrath)*
3. Requesting a Salary Analysis of all Employee Titles/Positions to Ensure Conformity with The Diane B. Allen Equal Pay Act *(Requested by Councilwoman McGrath)*
4. Discussion on the Verona Children’s Fund
5. Discussion on Rent Control
6. Discussion on Vehicle Parking

O. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

P. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Contract Negotiations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)
 - 2021 Professional Services
2. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)
 - M.B. adv. Verona

Q. **ADJOURNMENT**

*The Public Comment period for the public hearing for ordinances and the Consent Agenda is limited to just those specific items. However, the public may speak on any matter during the Hearing Adoption or Amendment of Ordinance (listed on the agenda as item “G”), Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items (listed on the agenda as item “I”) or general Public Comment (listed on the agenda as item “O”) on this agenda. At that time, anyone from the public wishing to speak will be prompted to raise his/her virtual hand. You may do so by pressing the “raise hand” button on your monitor or, if dialing in by phone, press *9. You will be recognized and advised that you are unmuted. Your comments will be limited to four (4) minutes.*

Any member of the public may submit written communication in lieu of addressing the Township Council live during the Hearing Adoption or Amendment of Ordinance (listed on the agenda as item “G”), Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items (listed on the agenda as item “I”) or general Public Comment (listed on the agenda as item “O”) by sending comments to the Township Clerk via electronic mail at TownshipClerk@VeronaNJ.org or by written letter delivered to the Township Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. All written comments shall be read aloud during the public meeting at the appropriate time.