

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, March 23, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Call to Order:

Municipal Clerk reads notice of Open Public Meetings law. The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting; specifically, the time, date and location were included in the annual notice of meetings adopted by the governing body, posted in the Municipal Building, and sent to the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger. Additionally, the agenda for this meeting was posted in the Municipal Building and sent to the two newspapers before 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding this meeting.

Roll Call:

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin Ryan, Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Manager Matthew Cavallo, Brian Aloia, Township Attorney, Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan, Director of Economic Development and Administration Steven Neale, Chief Financial Officer Matt Laracy and Police Chief Chris Kiernan are also present.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McEvoy calls for the pledge of allegiance.

Julius Coltre, Essex County Liaison is on the call and reports that the Essex County Executive has issued letters to Essential Employees to carry to prove they are critical employees. The County's OEM office is fully staffed. They can be reached from 7pm - 11pm at 973-324-9750. After those hours the public can call 973-621-4411. All parks and playgrounds are closed and the public is urged to stay off the exercise apparatus. All public bids are still active at this time.

Mayor McEvoy urges the public to adhere to social distancing guidelines. He states Steve Neale did a great job getting the Chamber of Commerce up and running. He thanks Chief Chris Kiernan, OEM Coordinator Joel Martin for being ahead of the COVID situation in declaring the Township's State of Emergency. He also thanks the Township Manager for all he's done. He states he has received good feedback from parents and thanks Dr. Dionisio and the Board of Education for their implementation of online learning.

Mayor McEvoy also reports that he has conferred with the Councilmembers who all were in agreement to waive tonight's Councilmember's Reports in light of tonight's conference call meeting.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Cavallo reports that the Township has three (3) confirmed cases. There have not been any new confirmed cases of patients diagnosed with COVID-19 since Thursday. Please be advised that there are federal and state regulations that prohibit the disclosure of the identity of the patients confirmed to have COVID-19. Our public buildings have been closed to the public since 3/13/20. Township and BOE public recreational facilities are closed and fencing has been erected to close off the playgrounds at Township parks. Schools were roped off with caution tape. The rims on the basketball courts are being removed by DPW.

The Township declared a local State of Emergency as of Friday 3/13/2020. The OEM staff has been working around the clock to ensure our employees, residents and visitors are informed of the information they need to know without overloading them with information.

Beginning Monday, March 16, the Township established a rotating staffing schedule in our administrative offices and the Police Department to ensure 6 feet of distancing. DPW rotating schedules began today. All staff have increased the frequency of disinfecting all township work areas. Beginning tomorrow, March 24, municipal offices will be staffed between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. All boards, committees and commission meetings have been postponed until further notice with the exception of the Township Council and the Board of Education.

As of today all employees have been advised that they are “essential” as it relates the EO-107 issued Saturday, however, they have been advised to work from home if feasible. Most employees have secure access to email and their network files and the township phone lines can be programmed to forward to home landlines and/or cell phones. The Supervisors are still continuing to report to the office and hold down the fort.

In an effort to assist our residents and property owners with the payment of property tax and water/sewer payments online, effective March 16, 2020 the Township is waiving the \$1.05 transaction fee for anyone who submits e-Checks on-line through the Township’s website. Please note that this charge will appear on bank account at the time of the transaction but will be applied as a credit on your next bill from the Township. The Township will not be waiving the transaction fees/surcharges for payments submitted online via Credit or Debit Cards. This policy will remain in effect until the State of Emergency related to COVID-19 is lifted.

Water payments are due today, and Mr. Cavallo is recommending to the Township Council that they waive all interest for payments not made on time within the grace period for the next 30 days. All water shutoffs for non-payment are suspended until further notice. Court Session for April 1 is cancelled at this point. Tax Appeal Submission deadline has been changed May 1, or 30 days from when Governor lifts EO #103 whatever is later.

A new website has been created that allows Verona businesses to post their contact info, offerings and the steps people can take to help them the most at this time. Help us share this and help keep our amazing local business community strong during this time. If you are a Verona business who has not filled the form out yet, please visit the page and click the button in the top left to have your info automatically added. www.StandwithVerona.org

Verona has always united around each other during challenging times and we have been overwhelmed with the amount of people reaching out to help in any way they can. Our family, friends, neighbors and businesses will continue to be impacted by the Coronavirus as this continues to unfold. If you are looking to help in some way and are able to, we are encouraging residents to purchase gift cards (online if available) from our local businesses and drop them off or mail them to the Verona Children’s Fund at the Verona Community Center, 880 Bloomfield Ave. There will be a drop box in the lobby as to avoid any unnecessary contact with other people.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09

FIXING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2020-09 by title into record.

Public Hearing: None

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-09 is moved by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Mayor McEvoy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2020-09 is adopted 4-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2020-10

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2020-10 by title into record.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-10 is moved by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Giblin.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Ordinance No. 2020-10 is introduced 5-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on April 27, 2020.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items:

None.

Minutes of the March 9, 2020 regular meeting and March 12, 2020 emergency meeting are approved unanimously, with Councilman Ryan abstaining.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-73

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

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20* provides that, in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget and regular appropriations, the governing body may make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the amount of such emergency temporary appropriations shall be included under corresponding headings in the budget as adopted or, if such appropriations are adopted after the introduction and approval of the budget and were not included in the budget as approved such appropriations shall be included by amendment in the budget as adopted without public advertisement or public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Township has deemed certain emergency temporary appropriations to be necessary and such appropriations are conforming to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20* an emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

Current Fund: \$ 1,500,000.00

Water and Sewer Utility: \$ 950,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2020 Budget under the title of same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to file a certified copy of the resolution with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-74

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

**AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION
ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:40-1**

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2019 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58* provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58* for transfer purposes;

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 shall and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations accounts of the 2019 Municipal Budget as follows:

	TO	FROM
Senior Citizen - Salary and Wage	\$300.00	
Utilities - Telephone Expense	\$10,000.00	
Senior Citizen - Other Expenses		\$300.00
Utilities - Electric and Gas		\$ 10,000.00
	<u>\$10,300.00</u>	<u>\$10,300.00</u>

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-75

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

**CERTIFYING THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA'S
COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5* as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000 *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Council have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5*, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution and group affidavit form of the Township Council evidencing said compliance shall be on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and available for inspection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council's certification shall be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs within three days after approval, together with the approved budget.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-76

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

APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE NO. 1, NO. 2 AND CONTRACT CLOSE-OUT CONTRACT NO. 18-17 - MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, White Rock Corp. and the Township of Verona have heretofore entered into an Agreement, more particularly known as Contract No. 18-17 - "Municipal Building Roof Replacement" for the furnishing of labor, equipment and materials in the amount of \$233,000.00, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has received Contract Change No. 1, No. 2 and Contract Close-Out for the within contract in an amount of plus \$1,488.08; and

WHEREAS, the Contract Change No. 1, No. 2 and Contract Close-Out do not expand the scope of the within contract; and

WHEREAS, the within Contract Change No. 1, No. 2 and Contract Close-Out 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. 1 and No. 2, in the amount of plus \$1,488.08 be approved for a final contract amount of \$234,488.08 be approved and Contract No. 18-17 be closed out; and

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. 1, No. 2 and Contract Close-Out for Contract No. 18-17 on behalf of the Township.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-77

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

WAIVING FEE FOR ONLINE TAX AND WATER/SEWER PAYMENTS MADE VIA E-CHECKS

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Township of Verona closed the Municipal Offices to the public effective March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona recognizes that many certain citizens visit the tax and water/sewer office of the Township to pay for their utility services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that in an effort to assist our residents and property owners with the payment of property tax and water/sewer payments online, effective March 16, 2020 the Township wishes to waive the \$1.05 transaction fee for anyone who submits e-Checks on-line through the Township's website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this charge will appear on bank account at the time of the transaction but will be applied as a credit on the next bill from the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution does not permit the waiving the transaction fees/surcharges for payments submitted online via Credit or Debit Cards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this policy will remain in effect until the State of Emergency related to COVID-19 is lifted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-78

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH
BENECKE ECONOMICS**

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for the planning, financial analysis, economic, and strategic needs of the development and redevelopment for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has determined that the value of said services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i)*) permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Benecke Economics, previously conducted planning, financial analysis, economic, and strategic needs of the development and redevelopment for Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that Benecke Economics, 8410 Sanctuary Boulevard, Riverdale, New Jersey 07457 be awarded a contract to provide said services for the Township, when necessary not to exceed \$35,000.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Benecke Economics is hereby awarded a contract for said services when necessary, not to exceed \$35,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Township 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 Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-79

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

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AND TOWNSHIP CLERK
TO EXECUTE A RENEWED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
THE BOROUGH OF ROSELAND TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION**

OFFICIAL, SUB-CODE OFFICIAL AND INSPECTION SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A. 40A:65- 1 et seq.* (the "Act"), authorized local units of this State to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has previously entered into a Shared Services Agreement to provide Construction Official, Sub-Code Official and Inspection services to the Borough of Roseland which expired on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona and the Borough of Roseland are desirous to renew the Shared Services agreement to continue to provide Construction Official, Sub-Code Official and Inspection services from 2020-2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona and the Borough of Roseland have reached an agreement as to the terms and conditions associated with said agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of both municipalities to renew this Shared Services Agreement for the period beginning January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Township Manager and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Roseland to provide Construction Official, Sub-Code Official and Inspection services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Borough of Roseland.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-80

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

REFUNDING ESCROW PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Escrow fees, for the Board of Adjustment, were received Graham Associates, for property located at 25 Fairview Avenue and the fees have been held in Trust; and

WHEREAS, certification has been received from the Engineer to release these funds, from Trust, as follows:

ESCROW AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

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, \$100.00 to Graham Associates, 25 Fairview Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-81

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

REFUNDING ESCROW PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Escrow fees, for the Board of Adjustment, were received Fredco Landscaping, for property located at 30-32 Durrell Street and the fees have been held in Trust; and

WHEREAS, certification has been received from the Engineer to release these funds, from Trust, as follows:

ESCROW AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00

WHEREAS, Escrow fees, for the Planning Board, were received Fredco Landscaping, for property located at 30-32 Durrell Street and the fees have been held in Trust; and

WHEREAS, certification has been received from the Engineer to release these funds, from Trust, as follows:

ESCROW AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00

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 a combined total of \$4,750.00 to Fredco Landscaping, LLC, 315 Howe Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-82

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

REFUNDING ESCROW PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Escrow fees, for the Planning Board, were received John DiGeronimo, for property located at 90 Cumberland Avenue and the fees have been held in Trust; and

WHEREAS, certification has been received from the Engineer to release these funds, from Trust, as follows:

ESCROW AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00

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, \$500.00 to John DiGeronimo, 90 Cumberland Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-83

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Councilman Ryan

that the following resolution be adopted:

REFUNDING ESCROW PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Escrow fees, for the Board of Adjustment, were received Bower Sands, LLC, for property located at 166 Pompton Avenue and the fees have been held in Trust; and

WHEREAS, certification has been received from the Engineer to release these funds, from Trust, as follows:

ESCROW AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00

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, \$1,000.00 to Brower Sands LLC, 36 Glen Road, Verona, NJ 07044.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-84

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

REFUNDING ESCROW PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Escrow fees, for the Board of Adjustment, were received Michael Lange, for property located at 194 Woodland Avenue and the fees have been held in Trust; and

WHEREAS, certification has been received from the Engineer to release these funds, from Trust, as follows:

ESCROW AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
\$500.00	\$104.00	\$396.00

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, \$396.00 to Michael Lange, 194 Woodland Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-85

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

INTRODUCTION 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 2020 calendar year;

General Appropriations:	<u>Year 2020</u>
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 18,253,430.00
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 5,164,705.76
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	<u>\$ 1,720,000.00</u>
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	\$ 25,138,135.76
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	<u>\$ (7,849,446.72)</u>
6. 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)	\$ 17,288,689.04

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget will be published in the March 27, 2020 edition of the Star Ledger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona does hereby approve the preceding as the Budget for the 2020 year:

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held on April 27, 2020 at 7 o'clock p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2020 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget is available on the Township's website at www.veronanj.org/budgetinfo. Hard copies may be obtained by requesting same from the Municipal Clerk via email (jkiernan@veronanj.org) or phone (973-857-4770). All persons interested in the proposed budget will have an opportunity to address the Township Council during the aforementioned public hearing via conference-call. Instructions for participating in the public meeting will be listed on that meeting's agenda.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

Public Comment:

Virginia Citrano, www.myveronanj.com
Steven Neale, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Kathleen Laterza, 810 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Frank Oldewurtel, Bagelwich Bakery, Verona, New Jersey

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm is motioned by Councilman Giblin; seconded by Councilman Ryan.

The next regular scheduled meeting is April 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Jack McEvoy
Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: April 27, 2020