

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on April 21, 2020 beginning at 4:15 p.m. via teleconference.

Call to Order:

Township Manager 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, advance written notice of at least 48 hours, giving the time, date and location and to the extent known, the agenda, which notice stated that formal action may be taken, was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and transmitted to the official newspapers, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and Star-Ledger and MyVeronaNJ.com and TAPinto, the official new sources of the Township.

Roll Call:

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin Ryan; Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Attorney Brian Aloia and Township Manager Matthew Cavallo are also present. Also in attendance are Special Counsel, Joe Baumann of McManimon Scotland and Baumann, LLC; Bob Benecke of Benecke Economics and Brian Giblin of Giblin and Gannaio, LLC.

Mayor McEvoy leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-87

A motion was made by Councilman Giblin; 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:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*
 - Docket No. ESX-L-4773-15
(In All Declaratory Judgement Actions Filed by Various Municipalities, County of Essex, Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Decision in In re Adoption of *N.J.A.C. 5:96, 221 N.J. 1 (2015)*)
 - b. Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*
 - Cameco Property
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when said subject has been fully discussed by the Council, and the attorney rules this matter may be brought before the public without jeopardizing any pending litigation.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

Public Comment:

None

Motion to go into Closed Session at 4:20 p.m. is moved by Councilman Ryan; seconded by Deputy Mayor Roman. Vote: 5 ayes.

The Council returned to Open Session at 5:38 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the public meeting at 5:39 p.m. is moved by Councilman Giblin; seconded by Councilman Ryan. Vote: 5 ayes.

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