

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing platform (Meeting ID: 952 6266 2770).

Call to Order:

*(Read by Mayor McEvoy)* The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this special meeting of the Township Council which is being held via Zoom video conferencing. The agenda, along with written notice giving the time and date, 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 hour preceding the start time of this meeting. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at [www.veronanj.org/councilmeetings](http://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.

Roll Call (by Township Manager Cavallo):

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin J. Ryan, Councilman Ted Gibling and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Manager Matthew Cavallo and Brian J. Aloia, Esq., Township Attorney are also present. Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk is absent and has been excused from attending this meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Proposed Resolutions:

None

Proposed Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-152**

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan; seconded by Mayor McEvoy 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 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-8050-17  
(Jordan Descafano vs. Township of Verona, Michael Ruglio)
    - Docket No. ESX-L-781-19  
(Jennifer Kiernan vs. Township of Verona)
    - Docket No. ESX-L-2391-19  
(Erika Varela vs. Township of Verona, Matthew Cavallo)
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: McEvoy, Roman, Ryan, Giblin, McGrath**

**NAYS:**

Public Comment:

None

Executive Session:

The Township Council left the open session and entered executive session authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-152. Also invited into executive session as Township Manager Matthew Cavallo, Brian J. Aloia, Esq., Township Attorney, Eric J. Nemeth, Esq., General Counsel/Co-Administrator of NJIIF; and Jennifer Passannante, Esq, NJIIF Special Counsel of the firm Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP.

The Township Council returned to open session at 10:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. is motioned by Councilman Giblin; seconded by Deputy Mayor Roman. All in favor.

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew Cavallo*  
Matthew Cavallo, Township Manager

*Jack McEvoy*  
Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: September 21, 2020