

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-169

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Schor that the following resolution be adopted:

ADOPTING THE 2026 COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey adopted its most recent Energy Master Plan (EMP) in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the EMP established a goal of meeting 100% of the State's energy needs through clean energy sources and production methods by the year 2050 to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 80% of levels measured for the year 2006 by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in order to advance the goals of the EMP, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJ BPU) launched the Community Energy Planning Grant Program (CEPGP) in 2021 to incentivize municipalities to reduce local energy consumption, generate clean energy locally, and accelerate vehicle electrification; and

WHEREAS, the CEPGP was created and is administered in partnership with Sustainable Jersey, a New Jersey organization committed to promoting sustainable practices among local governments; and

WHEREAS, the program offered grants of \$25,000 to "overburdened" municipalities and \$10,000 to all other participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona wishes to reduce energy costs for its businesses and residents – particularly its low- and moderate-income residents – and for government operations, and to be a local leader in equitable clean energy use and production; and

WHEREAS, the Township applied to the CEPGP program and was awarded a \$10,000 from the NJ BPU in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township authorized its Planning Consultant, DMR Architects, to prepare the Community Energy Plan; and

WHEREAS, DMR Architects conducted a presentation on the Community Energy Plan at a meeting of the Township Council on July 6, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the the 2026 Community Energy Plan be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Schor, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 20, 2026.


JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

