

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, October 21, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey, and via Zoom video conferencing

Call to Order:

The Municipal Clerk reads the notice of Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Mayor Tamburro, Deputy Mayor McEvoy, Councilman Roman, Councilwoman McGrath, Councilwoman Holland, Township Manager Joseph D'Arco, Deputy Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan, Township Attorney Brian Aloia and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are present.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tamburro participated in the truck loading for the Verona Fights Hunger week and thanks all volunteers and everyone involved in the cause. He mentions the new flags and Verona sign donated by DCH Montclair Acura and presented an award at the Verona Festival of Bands. The Mayor comments on the Italian American Flag raising and urges all residents to vote in the November upcoming election. He concludes by thanking all parties involved in assisting with the town's building fire in the Wayland section of town and proceeds with various recognitions.

The Mayor honors the 12U Girls Travel Softball team, in attendance this evening, with a Certificate of Recognition.

Ann Jocelyn, Coordinator of the Municipal Alliance Committee presents the mission of the Committee, one of which is Safe Homes Month in November.

Sponsors of the Veteran's banners are present to receive a certificate of appreciation from the Township.

Essex County Liaison J. Coltre announces the "Strut your Mutt" event taking place in Brookdale Park on October 26th. On Halloween, the Zoo will be having an open house with \$5 emission and candy distribution. On Sunday, November 10th there will be a Road to Wellness Mobile Health Fair at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center in Branch Brook Park. Holiday Lights will begin on November 22nd and he reminds the public of early voting taking place at the Community Center starting on October 26th.

Manager's Report:

Mr. D'Arco reminds the Council that the Township have received the RFPs for the Bloomfield Avenue Streetscape and should provide the Clerk with their top three choices so a special meeting can be scheduled. The Inter-local agreement for Fire Prevention with Cedar Grove is almost complete.

NewGen gives their Community Pool study presentation.

The Deputy Township Manager reports on the wastewater infrastructure and the Linn Drive and Fairview Avenue Wells. He updates the Council on the receipt of bids for the pickle ball and tennis courts at the Verona Pool. He discusses the Township's sustainable initiatives and the Town Hall repointing project.

Council Members Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy thanks UNICO for the flag raising and all they do for Verona and congratulates the Verona Juniors on a successful Verona Fights Hunger week. He lastly thanks the Verona Environmental Commission for keeping walking back to school going as it is always a very well attended event.

Councilman Roman waves his report.

Councilwoman McGrath shares in all of the wonderful words for Verona Fights Hunger week as it was a fantastic event and thanks VMAC for Family Night. She highlights that the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee is meeting on Wednesday and the annual Diwali lighting is on the Town Hall steps on the 30th of this month. The Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee has moved its meeting and will be on October 29th and Shade Tree has a meeting on November 11th. She

concludes her report by reiterating the importance of voting and reminds residents that this is a great opportunity to try early voting at the Verona Community Center.

Councilwoman Holland recently attended the Recreation Advisory Committee and she looks forward to the VMAC meeting tomorrow night.

Public Comment:

Alan Feierstein, Essex Fells, New Jersey
Paul Pertangeli, Verona, New Jersey

Hearing and Adoption of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE No. 2024-34

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SEWER LINE NEAR THE PECKMAN RIVER IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$60,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$57,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance 2024-34 into the record.

Motion to move the ordinance is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance 2024-34 is adopted by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law.

Ordinances for Introduction:

ORDINANCE No. 2024-36

AMENDING CHAPTER A565-1 SCHEDULE OF FEES, SPECIFICALLY STORMWATER FEES OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance H-1 into the record.

Motion to move the ordinance is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance H-1 is numbers 2024-36. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on November 12, 2024.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes from the October 7, 2024 meeting are unanimously approved.

Councilman Roman motions to table Resolution K-5; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy. Vote: 5 ayes; 0 nays.

RESOLUTION No. 2024-193

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT ACADEMY APPAREL

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services' Division of Recreation purchases good such as equipment, clothing and uniforms for their sports and recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, expenditures not to exceed \$21,325 shall be charged to a Budget Account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to Academy Apparel is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5* and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form completed by Academy Apparel have been filed with the Township and are annexed to this Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Academy Apparel, 5 Fairview Avenue, Verona, NJ is hereby awarded a contract for repair and replacement of certain instruments within the mechanism not to exceed \$21,325 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-194

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALL AMERICAN SEWER SERVICE, INC.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for drainage and sewer services within the infrastructure of Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 4-05-55-502 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pending approval of the 2024 Budget.

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that All American Sewer Service, Inc., PO Box 605, Lodi, New Jersey 07664 be awarded a contract to provide drainage and sewer services on the sewer lines within the Township of Verona.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that All American Sewer Service is hereby awarded a contract for providing sewer services not to exceed \$20,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH EG TECHNOLOGY NJ, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need for information technology services for the Police Department and backup information technology services for the Township and seeks to make the award as non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, EG Technology NJ, LLC, with offices at, 107 East Mount Pleasant Avenue, Suite 4, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 has submitted a proposal indicating the ability to perform said services at a cost not-to-exceed \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to any budget account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, EG Technology NJ, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that EG Technology NJ, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Verona in the previous one year, and the contract will prohibit EG Technology NJ, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to EG Technology NJ, LLC for information technology services for the Police Department and backup information technology services for the Township in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 subject to the following:

1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms to be drafted and approved by the Township Attorney.
2. The contract and any contract amendments which may become necessary shall be subject to the Township's ability to appropriate sufficient funds, which appropriation shall be at the sole discretion of the Township Council.
3. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
4. The Township Clerk is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and EG Technology NJ, LLC shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-196

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ESSEX FENCE

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works requires repairs or placement of various fencing throughout the public lands of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Essex Fence provides such goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase shall not exceed the total amount of \$18,600.00 and shall be charged to lines T-90-56-872-002 (\$16,000) and 4-01-28-375-00 (\$2,600).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Verona, County of Essex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
2. The services requested shall not exceed \$18,600 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
3. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-197

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

AUTHORIZING A LANDSCAPING DESIGN SERVICE CONTRACT WITH GREEN VALLEY LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to for various landscaping services, specifically fertilization and clean-up throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Green Valley Landscaping 3 Marion Road, Verona, New Jersey, has provided and continues to provide various landscaping services and materials to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed the pay to play threshold of \$17,500 but will not exceed \$28,000; and,

WHEREAS, Green Valley Landscape Design and Maintenance, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Green Valley has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Verona in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Green Valley from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to Green Valley Landscape Design and Maintenance, LLC to provide various landscaping design services and materials to the Township of Verona:

1. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
2. The Township is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.
3. The services requested shall not exceed \$28,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-198

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

**AUTHORIZING A LANDSCAPING MATERIAL PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH
HILLCREST FARMS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need to for various landscaping material purchases throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Hillcrest Farms, 377 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey, has provided and continues to provide various materials to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed the pay to play threshold of \$17,500 but will remain under the bid threshold of \$44,000; and,

WHEREAS, Hillcrest Farms has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Hillcrest Farms has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Verona in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Hillcrest Farms from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to Hillcrest Farms to provide various landscaping materials to the Township of Verona:

4. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
5. The Township is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.
6. The services requested shall not exceed \$44,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-199

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MARTIN CONTRACTING, LLC.

WHEREAS, the Township requires immediate repairing of various minor infrastructure components within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Martin Contracting, LLC provides such services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase shall not exceed the total amount of \$44,000.00 and shall be charged to various budget line items at the discretion of the CFO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Verona, County of Essex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

4. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
5. The Township is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.
6. The services requested shall not exceed \$44,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.

7. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-200

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MOLFETTA CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works requires the construction of a salt dome; and

WHEREAS, Molfetta Corporation specialized in the construction of salt domes; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this construction shall not exceed the total amount of \$25,000 and shall be charged to C-53-46-040-007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Verona, County of Essex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

8. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
9. The services requested shall not exceed \$25,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
10. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-201

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.

WHEREAS, the Police Department requires radio system upgrades; and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions, Inc., provides such goods and is contracted with State of New Jersey contract #83909; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase shall not exceed the total amount of \$75,000.00 and shall be charged to line C-53-46-040-009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Verona, County of Essex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

11. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
12. The services requested shall not exceed \$75,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
13. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-202

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

**ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 2024 ARP FIREFIGHTER'S GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has been awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ARP Firefighter's Grant Program in the amount of \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, this grant will help fund the purchase of protective gear and other necessary equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Township is required to provide a 10% match of \$7,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township of Verona is hereby authorized to accept for this grant in the amount of \$70,000 with the Township providing additional funds in the amount of \$ 7,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, Municipal Clerk and any other officer deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept this grant.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-203

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

ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF THE 2024 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$1,016.84 from the State of New Jersey for the 2024 National Opioid Settlement to help Verona with the abatement of the opioid epidemic across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Township's contribution toward the grant will be zero dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township of Verona is hereby authorized to accept for this grant in the amount of \$1,016.84.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, Municipal Clerk and any other officer deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept this grant.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-204

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ARP FIREFIGHTERS GRANT**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (the "Director") may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has received \$70,000 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the DCA ARP Firefighters Grant and wishes to amend its CY2024 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2024 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$70,000 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of
Local Government Services -
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Firefighter Equipment Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2024 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$70,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Firefighter Equipment Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-205

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ARP FIREFIGHTERS GRANT**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (the "Director") may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has received \$75,000 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the DCA Local Recreational Improvement Grant and wishes to amend its CY2024 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2024 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$75,000 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services -
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
NJ DCA Local Recreational Improvement Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2024 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$75,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
NJ DCA Local Recreational Improvement Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-206

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (the "Director") may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has received \$1,016.84 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the National Opioid Settlement Grant and wishes to amend its CY2024 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2024 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$1,016.84 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services -
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
National Opioid Settlement Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2024 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$1,016.84 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
National Opioid Settlement Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-207

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

REFUNDING ESCROW PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Escrow fees, for the Planning Board, were received from PIRHL Developers, LLC and the fees have been held in Trust; and

WHEREAS, certification has been received from our Deputy Manager to release these funds, from Trust, as follows:

ESCROW AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
\$69,934.75	\$50,672.78	\$19,261.97

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, \$19,261.97 to PIRHL Developers LLC.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-208

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

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS SAFE HOMES MONTH

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Verona recognize that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society among persons of all ages; and therefore has an established the Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Verona Municipal Alliance Committee is a sponsor of Safe Homes, a program that empowers parents and guardians to create a community of people who have pledged to not allow underage alcohol and drug use in their homes and on their property and to provide secure storage places for firearms, matches, toxic chemicals and to monitor computer use; and

WHEREAS, parents could be held civilly liable for any incident arising as a result of serving or allowing alcohol to be consumed on their property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey recognize November to be Safe Homes Month.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-209

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy 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 Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

1. Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (5)*
2. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Addendum:

Township Planner, San Chavan from H2M provides a Zoning update.

Public Comment:

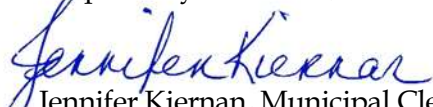
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Council goes into Executive Session at 10:41 p.m. and return to the public session at 12:09 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 12:10 a.m. is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


 Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: November 12, 2024