TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M. JULY 1, 2024

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 600 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE

Via the internet, please click the link below to join the meeting: https://zoom.us/j/95262662770

Via telephone, please dial 1(312)626-6799 or 1(646)558-8656 Use Zoom Meeting ID: 952-6266-2770, when prompted for a Participant ID, press #

A. CALL TO ORDER

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Township Council. The meeting time and date were included in the public meeting notice along with the public internet link and telephone call-in information. Said notice and the meeting agenda was posted in the Municipal Building, and sent the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at 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.

B. ROLL CALL

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

1. Julius N. Coltre, Essex County Liaison

2.	Appoin	Term Ending		
	a. Boar			
	i.	Edith Reis	Alternate #1	6/30/2026
	ii.	Michael Tully	Alternate #2	6/30/2026
	b. Envi	ironmental Commission		
	i.	Jessica Pearson	Member	6/30/2027
	ii.	Fuad Dahan	Member	6/30/2027
	iii.	Adam Bulger	Alternate #1	6/30/2026
		Jessica Pearaon	Chairperson	6/30/2027

E. REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

F. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

G. HEARING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2024-26 Amending Chapter 140, Article XII of the Code of Verona, Specifically Section X, "Stop Intersections", Section I "No Parking" and Section II "No Parking Certain Hours"

H. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

1. Ordinance No. 2024-___ Bond - OLL Parking Lot (Lakeside Avenue)

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

J. MINUTES

- 1. June 3, 2024
- 2. June 26, 2024

###	K.	PR	OPOSED RESOLUTION	S
		1.	Resolution No. 2024	Award Contract - Civil Solutions
		2.	Resolution No. 2024	Award Contract - Professional Property Appraisers
		3.	Resolution No. 2024	Award Contract - Rileighs Holiday Decor
		4.	Resolution No.2024	Withdrawing from Shared Services Agreement with
				Montclair Health Department
		5.	Resolution No. 2024	Obsolete Equipment
		6.	Resolution No. 2024	2024-2025 Council Meeting Dates
		7.	Resolution No. 2024-	Executive Session

L. LICENSES AND PERMITS

M. ADDENDUM

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NI	E W/	UNFINISHED BUSINESS								
1.	-	Appointments								
	a.									
		i. Adam Bulger	Alternate #1	6/30/2026						
		ii	Alternate #2	6/30/2025						
	b.	Green Team								
		i. Kerry Bass	Member	6/30/2025						
		ii. Jami Bjornstad-Bal	Member	6/30/2025						
		iii. Christine Liaukus	Member	6/30/2025						
		3.5 1.1 1.7 1.1 0.1 1.11	Chairperson	6/30/2025						
	C.	Multicultural Inclusion & Accessibili	5	(/20 /2027						
		i	Member	6/30/2027						
		ii	Member	6/30/2027						
	.1	iii.	Member	6/30/2027						
	a.	Municipal Alliance Committee i. Rosanna Gionni	Member	(/20 /2027						
			Member Member	6/30/2027 6/30/2027						
		ii. Rachel Klansky iii. Staci Puleo	Member							
	e.	Neighborhood Traffic & Safety Advis		6/30/2027						
	е.	i. Abigail Chirico	Member	6/30/2027						
		ii. Andrea Anderson	Member	6/30/2027						
		iii. Elizabeth Hynes	Member	6/30/2027						
		iv. Robin Wallace	Member	6/30/2027						
	f.	Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Co	0/ 30/ 2027							
	.,	i. Chris Budesa	Member	6/30/2027						
		ii. Chris Duffy	Member	6/30/2027						
	g.	Parks & Recreation Advisory Commi		0,00,00						
	0	i	3.6 1	6/30/2027						
		ii.	Manalagu	6/30/2027						
			_ Chairperson	6/30/2025						
	h.	Planning Board	•							
		i. David Freschi	Member	6/30/2028						
		ii	Alternate #2	6/30/2026						
		iii. Jessica Pearson	Env Comm Member	6/30/2027						
	i.	Rent Control Board								
		i. Sean Byrnes	Member	6/30/2028						
2.	Co	Council Liaisons to Committees/Commissions								
	a.	Environmental Commission	6/30/2025							
	b.	Green Team		6/30/2025						
	c.	III: tania 1 Dana amatia a Cama		(/20 /2025						
	d.	MIAAC		(/20/2025						
	e.	Municipal Alliance Committee		6/30/2025						
	f.	NT&SAC		_ 6/30/2025						
	g.	On an Cross of Administra		6/30/2025						
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	h.	Parks & Rec Advisory Comm		6/30/2025						

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA

July 1, 2024

- 4. Discussion Ordinance Multicultural Inclusion & Accessibility Advisory Committee
- 5. Discussion Ordinance Neighborhood Traffic & Safety Advisory Committee
- 6. Discussion Ordinance Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- 7. Amending Chapter 150 "Zoning" of the Code of the Township, Specifically Article XVII, Section 17, Paragraph 11, entitled "C-2 Professional Office and Business) Zone District" (under further review introduction at a future meeting)

O. PUBLIC COMMENT

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 10:4-12 (7)

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Ordinance No. 2024-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 140, ARTICLE XII OF THE CODE OF VERONA, SPECIFICALLY SECTION X, "STOP INTERSECTIONS", SECTION I "NO PARKING" AND SECTION II "NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the following changes be made to of the Township Code:

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Vehicles and Traffic, Article XIII, Section X-44 entitled, "Stop Intersections" is hereby amended to add the following:

INTERSECTION	STOP SIGN ON		
Claremont Avenue and Cumberland Avenue	Claremont Avenue (westbound)		

SECTION 2. Chapter 140-35, Article XIII, Schedule I, entitled, "No Parking" of the Code of the Township of Verona is hereby amended to add the following:

NAME OF STREET SIDE		LOCATION		
Park Avenue	West	From the intersection of Sunset Avenue continuing 60 feet south		
Park Avenue	West	From the north corner of Porcello Lane continuing 50 feet north		
Montrose Avenue	West	From the north corner of Hill Street continuing 50 feet north		

SECTION 3. Chapter 140-36, Article XIII, Schedule II, entitled "No Parking Certain Hours" of the Code of the Township of Verona is hereby amended to add the following:

NAME OF STREET	SIDE	TIME LIMIT Hours/Days	LOCATION	
Bloomfield Avenue	North	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	From 30 feet west of Derwent Avenue continuing west for 85 feet	

SECTION 4. If any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE STAR LEDGER, A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND CIRCULATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE JUNE 26, 2024 AND XXX ISSUES.

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCTION: June 17, 2024 PUBLIC HEARING: July 1, 2024

EFFECTIVE DATE:

ORDINANCE No. ___

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 46 LAKESIDE AVENUE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,142,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey with not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,250,000, including the sum of \$108,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

SECTION 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,142,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition and improvement of the parking lot located at 46 Lakeside Avenue and described on the official tax map of the Township as Block 1806, lot 23 for municipal purposes, including costs necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

- (b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.
- (c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

SECTION 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to

mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- (a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.
- (b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 35 years.
- (c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the

Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,142,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$225,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

SECTION 7. The Township hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Chief Financial Officer on a tax-exempt basis. The Township hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the obligations, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the obligations. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Township to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

SECTION 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

SECTION 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such

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undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel,

consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with

its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall

be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the

punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond

ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the

Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the

Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate

or amount.

SECTION 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication

thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

NOTICE

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2024.

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCTION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-___

A motion was made by ; seconded by that the following resolution be adopted:

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CIVIL SOLUTIONS FOR TAX MAP PREPARATION

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Statutes require a municipality to periodically update their tax maps to meet the updated required standards; 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, Civil Solutions, a division of ARH Associates, 215 Bellevue Avenue, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037 provides said services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase shall not exceed the total amount of \$50,000.00 and shall be charged to line C-53-46-040-005.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to Civil Solutions to prepare and update the Tax maps of 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 \$50,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
- 4. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL: AYES: NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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 THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION No. 2024-094

A motion was made by ; seconded by that the following resolution be adopted:

AWARDING CONTRACT 2024-08 - REVALUTAION OF ALL COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL & REAL PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2024 the Township of Verona advertised in the Star Ledger for bids for Contract No. 2024-08 – Revaluation of All Commercial, Residential & Real Properties within the Township of Verona, setting the date for the return of bids as June 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2024 the Township of Verona received one (1) responsive and responsible bid for Contract No. 2024-08; and

WHEREAS, Professional Property Appraisals, 101 Route 130, Suite 301, Cinnaminson, New Jersey, 08077 is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Township Manager has reviewed the proposal and recommends that

Contract No. 2024-08 be awarded to Professional Property Appraisals as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to perform revaluation of all commercial, residential and real properties within the Township of Verona for an amount not to exceed \$499,345.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The preamble to this Resolution is hereby incorporated as if more fully set forth herein.
- 2. Contract No. 2024-08 shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Professional Property Appraisals.
- 3. No amount of this contract shall be chargeable until such time as to the certification of available funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer, upon receipt of a properly executed Purchase Order pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-11.10
- 4. 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:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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RESOLUTION No. 2024-___

A motion was made by ; seconded by that the following resolution be adopted:

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH RILEIGHS OUTDOOR, LLC d/b/a HOLIDAY DECOR

WHEREAS, the current holiday decorations placed the Township light posts along Bloomfield Avenue during the winter holiday season require replacement; and

WHEREAS, Rileighs Outdoor, LLC d/b/a Holiday Décor, 1053 N Plymouth Street, Allentown, PA 18109, provides outdoor holiday decorations for light posts; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase shall not exceed the total amount of \$20,000.00 and shall be charged to line 4-01-20-105-021.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to Montana Construction Corp, Inc. to provide camera inspections of the water and sewer lines throughout 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 \$20,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
- 4. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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 THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION No. 2024-___

A motion was made by ; seconded by that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 26:3A2-12 WITHDRAWING FROM THE UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MONTCLAIR FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2022, the Township of Verona and the Township of Montclair entered into a Uniform Shared Services Agreement requiring the Township of Montclair to provide Public Health Services to the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona desires to terminate the Agreement with the Township of Montclair because Verona is entering into an agreement with the Township of Bloomfield to provide local public health services to the Township of Verona effective January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 26:3A2-12 the Township of Verona hereby announces and declares its intention to withdraw from the uniform shared services agreement with Montclair for local public health services, after participation for not less than 2 years, by approval of this resolution declaring the Township of Verona's intention to join with the Township of Bloomfield for local public health services meeting "Standards of Performance"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona Municipal Clerk shall provide the Township of Montclair a certified copy of this resolution, setting forth the date of the Township of Verona's intention to withdraw a minimum of 6 months prior to the proposed withdrawal date of January 2, 2025.

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

- 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- 2. The Township of Verona hereby terminates the Uniform Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Montclair to provide Public Health Services effective January 2, 2025
- 3. Township of Verona Municipal Clerk shall provide the Township of Montclair a certified copy of this resolution.
- 4. The Council hereby authorizes the 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. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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RESOLUTION No. 2024-___

A motion was made by ; seconded by that the following resolution be adopted:

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has advised the Township Council that there is obsolete equipment that is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40*A*:11-36(7) authorizes the disposition of personal property not needed for public use as part of a purchase to offset the price of the new purchase; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to dispose of said equipment

- 1) 2008 FORD ESCAPE, VIN 1FMCU93148KB61022;
- 2) 2015 FORD F350 1FTRF3B66FEC46622

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the obsolete equipment referenced by the Township Manager which is no longer needed for public use by the Township shall be disposed of according to the manner as prescribed by law.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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 THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION No. 2024-___

A motion was made by ; seconded by that the following resolution be adopted:

DESIGNATING THE REGULAR, CONFERENCE AND LEGAL MEETING DATES OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975, requires all public bodies covered by said Act, at least once each year, and within seven (7) days following the annual reorganization meeting of such body, to post and maintain posted throughout the year a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex in the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The schedule of regular meetings of the Township Council of the Township of Verona will be held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey and via Zoom conferencing platform as deemed necessary, as set forth in the schedule annexed hereto be and the same is hereby adopted

SCHEDULE

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL 2024-2025 MEETING DATES

Monday, July 22, 2024	Monday, February 3, 2025
Monday, August 5, 2024	Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Monday, August 19, 2024	Monday, March 3, 2025
Monday, September 9, 2024	Monday, Mach 17, 2025
Monday, September 23, 2024	Monday, April 7, 2025
Monday, October 7, 2024	Monday, April 21, 2025
Monday, October 21, 2024	Monday, May 5, 2025
Tuesday, November 12, 2024	Monday, May 19, 2025
Monday, December 2, 2024	Monday, June 9, 2025
Monday, December 16, 2024	Monday, June 23, 2025
Monday, January 6, 2025	Tuesday, July 1, 2025*
Monday, January 20, 2025	*(Reorganizational Meeting)

Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

ROLL CALL:

AYES: NAYS: ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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RESOLUTION No. 2024-___

A motion was made ; seconded by 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:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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 JUNE 17, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VERONA GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire amend and clarify the voting rights of the members of the Green Team advisory committee of the Township of Verona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 45 (Sustainable Jersey Green Team) of the Code of the Township of Verona is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 45-1. Establishment:

There is hereby established a Sustainable Jersey Green Team in the Township of Verona as an advisory committee for the purposes set forth in this Chapter.

§ 45-2. Purpose:

- A. The General purposes for the Green Team shall include but not be limited to:
 - 1. Managing Verona's participation in the Sustainable Jersey program;
 - 2. Encouraging the Township residents and employees to pursue sustainable practices where possible and implement the Township's environmental goals;
 - 3. Work with the existing groups within the Township whose actions effect environmental issues so as to eliminate duplication and assure that important tasks are covered;
 - 4. Coordinate input for the Sustainable Verona webpage;
 - 5. Provide suggestions for further research and actions;
 - 6. Provide advice and suggestions to the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, the Environmental Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and the Shade Tree Commission to assure that environmental issues are considered in their deliberations and actions;
 - 7. Manage and organize various ad hoc environmental groups within the Township;
 - 8. Solicit and evaluate environmental ideas and suggestions from the community;
 - 9. Promote the causes of sustainability within the Township.

§ 45-3. Membership, Term of Office:

- A. The Green Team shall consist of fifteen (15) members including the following:
 - 1. Township manager or the manager's designee in the absence of the manager (voice, no vote);
 - 2. A member of the governing body to be appointed by it (voice, no vote);
 - 3. A member of the Environmental Commission to be appointed by it;
 - 4. A member of the Shade Tree Commission to be appointed by it;
 - 5. Three (3) full time salaried employees of the Township;
 - 6. Eight (8) public members who shall be residents of the Township.
- B. The term of the Township Manager, the full time employees of the

Township shall correspond to their respective tenure or if the member is the respective official's designee in the absence of the respective official, the designee shall serve at the pleasure of the official during the official's tenure. The term of the governing body member, the member of the Environmental Commission and the member of the Shade Tree Commission shall be for one year or terminate at the completion of their respective terms of office, whichever occurs first. The Public members shall be appointed by the Mayor & Council and shall serve for terms of one (1) year commencing on July 1 and terminating on June 30. Except for the Township manager or the manager's designee and the governing body member, all members shall have the ability to vote on any matters that require approval.

- C. The Mayor and Council shall designate one (1) of the members to serve as Chairman of the Green Team.
- D. With the exception of the salaried employees of the Township, the members shall serve without compensation.

§ 45-4. Meetings:

A. The Green Team shall meet at the discretion of the Chairman at least once per calendar quarter.

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER KIERNAN TOWNSHIP CLERK

NOTICE

I hereby certify that the aforementioned ordinance was published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times, a newspaper published in the County of Essex and circulated in the Township of Verona, in the issue of and

JENNIFER KIERNAN TOWNSHIP CLERK

INTRODUCTION: ADOPTION: EFFECTIVE DATE:

ORDINANCE No. 20-

AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE VII, ENTITLED "MULTICULTURAL INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Verona desires to amend Chapter 18, Article VII, "Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona does hereby amend Chapter 18, Article VII entitled "Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee" of the Code of the Township of Verona to read as follows:

§ 18-32 Establishment.

There is hereby created a Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee in the Township of Verona.

§ 18-33 Appointment Terms.

- A. The Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee shall consist of thirteen to fifteen members including the following:
 - 1. A member of the Council to be appointed by it to serve as liaison (voice, no vote);
 - 2. Township Manager or designee (voice, no vote);
 - 3. An employee appointed by the Township Manager;
 - 4. Director of the Verona Public Library or designee;
 - 5. The Superintendent of Schools or designee;
 - 6. Nine (9) adult public members; and
 - 7. Two (2) high school public members (optional).

The term of the Township Manager, Director of the Library, and Superintendent of Schools shall correspond to their respective tenure or if the member is the respective official's designee in the absence of the respective official, the designee shall serve at the pleasure of the official during the official's tenure. The term of the governing body member shall be for one year or terminate at the completion of their respective term of office, whichever occurs first. Adult public members shall be appointed by the Township Council and shall serve for terms of three years, except that the term of the members first appointed pursuant to this section shall be distributed evenly over the first three years after their appointments so that the term of not more than three adult public members shall expire in any one year. The high school public members shall serve for one year or terminate upon their graduation, whichever occurs first. Except for the Township manager or the manager's designee and the governing body member, all members shall have the ability to vote on any matters that require approval.

B. Any vacancy occurring by reason of the death, resignation or removal for cause of any public member shall be filled by the Township Council for the unexpired term of such member.

§ 18-34 Mission Statement.

The Mission Statement of the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee is as follows: Verona's vibrant community proudly welcomes all residents, business owners, employees, and visitors. Together we are working toward being a truly inclusive place where our policies, services, and programs meet the needs of all people.

§18-35 Duties and Responsibilities.

The Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee is hereby charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

1) Make recommendations to the Council twice per year on the diverse, cultural, economic and social issues within our community and solutions to ensure accessibility for all community members for our services and programs; and

- 2) Assist the Township administration with the organization, coordination, research, and manage actions in the Community as it relates to multicultural inclusion and accessibility of the Township's policies, programs, and services.
- 3) The Committee shall issue a report annually on the completed activities of the Committee.

§ 18-36 Organization, Officers.

- A. The Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary at its organizational meeting.
- B. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all the meetings of the Committee, which minutes and copies of official correspondence of the Committee shall be kept on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

§ 18-37 Meetings

- A. The Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly.
- B. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson pursuant to the rules of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- C. The Committee may make and amend rules and regulations concerning the conduct of its meetings.

SECTION 1: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all such ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remaining in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 4: CODIFICATION

This ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the Township of Verona as though codified and fully set forth therein. The Municipal Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The Municipal Clerk and the Township Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the Township of Verona in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

ATTEST:

ENNIFER KIERNAN

MUNICIPAL CLERK

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JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCTION: PUBLIC HEARING: EFFECTIVE DATE:

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE No. 2024-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA ENTITLED NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 41 (Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 41-1 Establishment

There is hereby created the Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee of the Township

§ 41-2 Membership; appointment; terms.

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members including the following:
 - 1. Township manager or the manager's designee in the absence of the manager (voice, no vote);
 - 2. A member of the Council to be appointed by it (voice, no vote);
 - 3. The Chief of Police or a Captain of Police in the absence of the Chief;
 - 4. The Superintendent of Schools or the superintendent's designee in the absence of the Superintendent;
 - 5. Seven (7) public members.
- A. The term of the Township Manager, the Superintendent of Schools and the Chief of Police shall correspond to their respective tenure or if the member is the respective official's designee in the absence of the respective official, the designee shall serve at the pleasure of the official during the official's tenure. The term of the Council member shall be for one year or terminate at the completion of their respective terms of office, whichever occurs first. Public members shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve for terms of two (2) years, except that, the term of the members first appointed pursuant to this section shall be distributed evenly over the first two (2) years after their appointments so that the term of not more than four (4) public members shall expire in any one year. Except for the Township manager or the manager's designee and the governing body member, all members shall have the ability to vote on any matters that require approval.
- B. Any vacancy occurring by reason of the death, resignation or removal for cause of any public member shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term of such member.

§ 41-3 Duties and responsibilities.

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee is hereby charged with the following duties and responsibilities:
 - 1. Work together with residents, elected and appointed officials to study, propose solutions and plan for the implementation of approved traffic calming and pedestrian safety measure.
 - 2. May review and make recommendation to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and the Planning Board on site plans and subdivisions that are submitted to the Boards.

- 3. May propose, review and make recommendations on ordinances related to public safety.
- 4. To provide the Council and the Manager periodic reports and recommendations and advise on traffic safety questions/problems and the adequacy of all Township policies and procedures relating to safety.

§ 41-4 Organization, officers.

- A. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Secretary annually at its first organizational meeting. The Secretary may be a member of the Committee or a municipal employee appointed by the Manager.
- B. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all the meetings of the Committee, which minutes and copies of official correspondence of the Committee shall be kept on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

§ 41-5 Meetings.

The Committee shall organize within thirty (30) days after the first appointment of its members and then within the first thirty (30) days each calendar year thereafter. The Committee shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson. The Committee may make and amend rules and regulations concerning the conduct of its meetings.

SECTION 2. If any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE VERONA-CEDAR GROVE TIMES, A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND CIRCULATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE ISSUE OF MAY 10, 2018 AND MAY 24, 2018.

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCTION: PUBLIC HEARING: EFFECTIVE DATE:

ORDINANCE # 2024-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 (PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 40 (Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 40-1 Establishment

There is hereby created the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the Township.

§ 40-2 Membership; appointment; terms.

- A. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall consist of nine members including the following:
 - 1. Township manager or the manager's designee in the absence of the manager (voice, no vote);
 - 2. A member of the Council to be appointed by it (voice, no vote);
 - 3. The Director of Community Services (voice, no vote);
 - 4. Seven (7) public members.
- A. The term of the Township Manager and the Director of Community Services shall correspond to their respective tenure or if the member is the respective official's designee in the absence of the respective official, the designee shall serve at the pleasure of the official during the official's tenure. The term of the Council member shall be for one year or terminate at the completion of their respective terms of office, whichever occurs first. Public members shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve for terms of three (3) years, except that, the term of not more than three (3) or less than two (2) public members shall expire in any one year. Except for the Township manager or the manager's designee, the governing body member and the Director of Community Service, all members shall have the ability to vote on any matters that require approval.
- B. Any vacancy occurring by reason of the death, resignation or removal for cause of any public member shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term of such member.

§ 40-3 Duties and responsibilities.

- A. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is hereby charged with the following duties and responsibilities:
 - 1. To recommend the establishment of new programs.
 - 2. To recommend rules for the use of facilities.
 - 3. To recommend user fee structures for facilities and the application of proceeds.
 - 4. To determine needs and recommend uses of present public properties for recreational purposes.
 - 5. To determine needs and recommend uses of facilities and equipment.
 - 6. To monitor recreational facilities.
 - 7. To determine needs and recommend uses for new and expanded facilities and equipment.
 - 8. To determine and recommend appropriate means to publicize all community recreation programs.

- 9. To suggest community recreation programs.
- 10. To recommend marking of walk paths and open areas and to publicize them.
- 11. To determine conservation desires of residents and to recommend implementing procedures.
- 12. Review the budget and capital improvement plans for the Township Community Pool and surrounding property.
- 13. Review and make recommendations regarding community pool ordinances, resolutions and rules and regulations.
- 14. To develop and update a long-range Master Plan for recreation.

§ 40-4 Organization, officers.

- A. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be chaired by a member of the committee selected by the public members and serve a one-year term expiring on the 30th day of June.
- B. The Chair, or his/her designee, shall keep minutes of all the meetings of the Committee, which minutes and copies of official correspondence of the Committee shall be kept on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

§ 40-5 Meetings.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman pursuant to the rules of the Open Public Meetings Act. The Committee may make and amend rules and regulations concerning the conduct of its meetings.

SECTION 2. If any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

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ADOPTED: