TOWNSHIP OF VERONA COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION No. 2024-218

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

AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2024 SUSTAINABLE JERSEY-PSE&G ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic, and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona is participating in Sustainable Jersey; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of Sustainable Jersey is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created the 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program to help increase energy efficiency for residents (Track 1), businesses (Track 2), and municipal facilities (Track 3); and

WHEREAS, this Program includes a Sustainable Jersey funded by PSE&G in the amount of \$5,000 and/or technical assistance for Track 3 after successful implementation of Track 2.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of Verona has determined that the Township of Verona should apply for the aforementioned 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program and \$5,000 (and/or technical assistance) for Track 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Verona, applying for the 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, will provide staff support for all activities related to the Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, including outreach to help local businesses save energy and lower their utility bills and will also:

- Identify one or more staff to serve as primary contacts for Sustainable Jersey for the projects selected (e.g. outreach campaigns; energy efficiency in the municipality)
- Provide access to utility bills and other energy records as needed for the project (energy efficiency in municipal facilities)
- Commit to attend a virtual kick-off event and other virtual trainings (energy efficiency outreach campaigns)
- Provide support from relevant finance, facility, and other staff as needed for project implementation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Verona, County of Essex in the State of New Jersey, authorizes submission of the aforementioned application to the 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Holland, 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2024.

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