

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, February 3, 2025, 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 requests everyone remain standing after the Pledge of Allegiance for a moment of silence for the passing of Kelly Lawrence, technical assistant in the Building Department and Richard Burd, assistant at the Recycling facility. The mayor judged the Woman’s Club Annual Spelling Bee and congratulates all winners. The NJ State First Aid Council voted former Township employee Sue DeWitt as its president. The Verona Rescue Squad has had the most presidents serve on the Council of any other municipality in New Jersey. The mayor was also invited to attend a surprise award scholarship in the amount of \$40,000 to VHS student, Jenna McGrath.

County Liaison J. Coltre reports on the Deer Management Program. He addresses Mr. D’Arco on behalf of County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo and thanks him for his service and states it was a pleasure working with him.

Mayor Tamburro makes the following appointment:

		Unexpired Term Ending
1. Shade Tree Commission		
a. Catherine Tamasik	Alternate #1	12/31/2027

Environmental Commission Chairperson, Jessica Pearson and Sean DiBartolo give a presentation of the Commission’s annual report.

The mayor recognized State Senator Kristin Corrado and Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips. They present Mr. D’Arco with a proclamation celebrating his achievements and contributions.

The mayor then reads a proclamation for Mr. D’Arco.

Supervisor of Public Works, Chuck Molinaro approached the lectern and thanks Joe for his service on behalf of the employees.

Steve Neale approaches the lectern and thanks Mr. D’Arco for his guidance and wishes him well.

Each Council Member addresses Mr. D’Arco in their own words.

Manager’s Report:

Township Manager Joseph D’Arco has no report. Deputy Township Manager Kevin O’Sullivan gives his report updating the Council on the pool utility, Linn Drive and Fairview Avenue Wells, Claridge Drive Pump Station, the upcoming Dodd Terrace, Afterglow Way and Summit Road projects, Everett Field, sustainable initiatives and comments on his recommendations for Township Manager’s appointments of professional services that were presented to the Council by email last week.

Councilmember’s Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy states Kelly Lawrence and Richard Burd will be missed. He attended the UNICO dinner where 6 previous mayors were in attendance. He thanks the State representatives that were here tonight. Congresswoman LaMonica McIver was in Town Hall last Friday and he thanks her for spending time in Verona. The Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual Restaurant Week from February 23rd through March 1st.

Councilman Alex Roman recognizes the two employees who passed this week. He states that not only were these two employees great at what they do, they are also the nicest people you could ever meet and they will be very missed. He thanks UNICO for all they do for the Town.

Councilwoman McGrath is saddened by the passing of the two employees. She spoke at the VHS GLI club with Councilwoman Holland and discussed women in politics. She thanks Congresswoman McIver for holding office hours in Town Hall for her constituents. MIAAC met and is planning this year's PRIDE event. The library is hosting an interactive event for Black History Month this Saturday where an actor will portray Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MIAAC will hold a Black History Month event on February 20 at 6:30. Nominations for Women of Impact can be submitted on the library's website.

Councilwoman Holland extends her heartfelt condolences to the families of the employees. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee spent time talking about the pool fees and is beginning to focus on the Community Center's programs for seniors and other groups. She attended a service for Absalom Jones in Newark. Absalom Jones was the first African-American ordained priest of the Episcopal Church.

Public Comment:

Frank Fabiano, Verona, New Jersey

Hearing, Adoption or Amendment of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE # 2025-02

**AMENDING CHAPTER 5 (ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT) ARTICLE II
(TOWNSHIP COUNCIL) SECTIONS 14, 16 & 22 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance 2025-02 into the record.

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

Public Hearing:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance 2025-02 is adopted by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-03

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A565-1 SCHEDULE OF FEES OF THE
TOWNSHIP CODE TO CLARIFY STORMWATER PERMIT FEES**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance H-1 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 H-1 is numbered 2025-03. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on February 18, 2025.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-04

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A565-7 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF VERONA - "POOL FEES"**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance H-2 into the record.

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

There is discussion to change the non-resident fee for pre-season concerts to \$40.00. Motion to amend the ordinance is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman. Vote: 5 ayes.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance H-2 is numbered 2025-04. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on February 18, 2025.

ORDINANCE # 2025-05

**FIXING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE
SEASONAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance H-3 into the record.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance H-3 is numbered 2025-05. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on February 18, 2025.

Consent Agenda:

Public comment on consent agenda:

Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey

RESOLUTION No. 2025-041

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

**AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS
PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-59**

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2024 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-59 provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-59 for transfer purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriation accounts of the 2024 Municipal Budget as follows:

	TO	FROM
Interlocal - Construction Code	\$1,500.00	

Construction Code- Salary and Wages		\$1,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance - Operating Expenses	\$7,000.00	
Street and Highway - Operating Expenses		\$7,000.00
TOTAL	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-042

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

**APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 & CLOSE-OUT OF
CONTRACT #2023-04 - COMMUNITY CENTER PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Picerno Giordano and the Township of Verona have heretofore entered into an Agreement, more particularly known as Contract No. 2023-04 - "Community Center Playground Improvements" in the amount of \$705,003.00, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 adjusts the bid quantities to the As-Built Quantities of the project in the amount of \$48,852.00; and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 and Final Close Out in the amount of \$753,855.00.

WHEREAS, Picerno Giordano has submitted a 2-year maintenance bond #EACX4011745 in the amount of \$113,078.25.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Contract Change No. 1, in the amount of \$48,852.00, for a final contract amount of \$753,855.00 be approved and Contract No. 2023-04 be closed out.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager, the Township Clerk and any other officer as may be deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute Contract Close-Out for Contract No. 2023-04 on behalf of the Township.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-043

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALS GROUP USA CORP.

WHEREAS, the Township's Water/Sewer Utility is required by the NJ DEP to conduct analyses required to the treatment of wastewater; and

WHEREAS, ALS Group USA Corp., DBA ALS Environmental provides such laboratory services; and

WHEREAS, such services may be awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd)*; and

WHEREAS, the QPA has determined that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged in an amount not to exceed \$21,000 to Budget Account 5-05-55-502-380 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; and

WHEREAS, Edmunds & Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that ALS Group USA Corp. 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 ALS Group USA Corp. 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, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that ALS Group USA Corp. DBA ALS Environmental is hereby awarded a contract laboratory testing services to conduct analysis required by the NJ DEP not to exceed \$21,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

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:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-44

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

WHEREAS, there exists a need to renew the software maintenance for the Edmunds System; and

WHEREAS, services such as support and/or maintenance of proprietary hardware and software may be awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd)*; and

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

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to Budget Accounts 5-01-20-145-122 and 5-05-55-502-368 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; and

WHEREAS, Edmunds & Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Edmunds & Associates 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 Edmunds & Associates 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, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Edmunds & Associates, Inc., 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ 08225 is hereby awarded a contract for the software maintenance for the Edmunds software system not to exceed \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

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:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-045

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

**ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
2025 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for contract #2024-19 - 2025 Professional Services on October 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township received RFPs for various professional services on November 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Manager has reviewed and make the following recommendations for various 2025 Professional Services:

Affordable Housing Attorney	DeCotiis, GitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP
Affordable Housing/Fair Share Element Planner	DMR Architects
Appraisal Services	Hendricks Appraisal Co
Auditor	PKF O'Connor Davies
Bond Counsel	McManimon, Scotland & Baumann
Grant Writer	Millennimum
Health Insurance Broker	No appointment recommended at this date
Labor Counsel	Aloia Law Firm/Hatfield Schwartz if conflict arises
Planning Board Attorney	Proposal forwarded to Planning Board for this consideration.
Planning Board Planner	Proposal forwarded to Planning Board for this consideration.
Redevelopment Area Financial Analyst	Acacia Financial Group
Redevelopment Attorney	Aloia Law Firm & McManimon, Scotland & Baumann

Redevelopment Planner	H2M Architects & Engineers
Risk Manager Consultant	Brown & Brown
Special/Conflict Counsel	Florio, Kenny & Reval
Tax Attorney	Law Offices of Michael A. DeMiro, Jr./ Aloia Law Firm if conflict arises
Township Architect	Solutions Architecture
Township Attorney	COUNCIL APPOINTMENT
Township Engineer	Boswell Engineering
Township Planner	H2M Architects & Engineers

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the recommendations for 2025 Professional Services is hereby accepted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-046

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

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR RENT CONTROL BOARD ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Township requires a qualified attorney to provide legal services for the Rent Control Board; and,

WHEREAS, Township advertised an RFP and reviewed the proposals received; and;

WHEREAS, the proposals were evaluated by the Township Manager and it was determined that Alex Graziano, Esq., of Graziano & Campi, PC having its principal office at 155 Pompton Ave, Verona, NJ 07044 (hereinafter "Attorney") is quailed to provide the necessary legal services; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends retaining the Attorney to perform the services in the amount not to exceed \$17,500 for calendar year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the Township Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute a contract with Alex Graziano, Esq. in accordance with the agreement and subject to the following:

1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms.
2. Any contract amendments or change orders 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 Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent ant purpose of this resolution.
4. The Township is in receipt of the vendor's Contribution Disclosure and Stockholder Disclosure Certification.
5. Architect may be paid upon passage and certification of this resolution, and for a period of ninety (90) days thereafter, before the final execution of a contractual agreement. Said payments shall be in accordance with this resolution and the RFP as is fully delineated herein. If a

finalized contract is not entered within ninety (90) days following the date of the herein resolution, all work and payments will be put on hold until the contract is finalized. The vendor shall be entitled to payment upon submission of an appropriate invoice for all work authorized and performed during the ninety (90) day period but not for any work performed thereafter until and unless the contract is finalized and fully executed by both parties.

6. The Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement as outlined herein with Alex Graziano, Esq., of Graziano & Campi, 155 Pompton Ave, Verona, NJ 07044.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-047

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

**AMENDING THE CURRENT PLANT SELECTION LIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA,
ARTICLE XI, § 150-11.7**

WHEREAS, the Code of Township of Verona Article XI entitled "Buffer and General Landscaping Requirements, § 150-11.7 "Plant selection and placement," requires the Township Council to adopt the recommended plant selection list at least once every February after the Verona Environmental Commission, in coordination with the Planning Board, and with input from other groups and professionals as the Verona Environmental Commission finds necessary, recommends updates to the plant selection list; and

WHEREAS, this year the Verona Environmental Commission has updated the recommendations of the plant selection and placement list and;

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopts the list attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the plant selection list attached hereto is affirmed by the Township Council, the list shall be considered part of the Code of the Township of Verona by reference therein and the list shall be posted online.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-048

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

**APPROVING VERONA COMMUNITY POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
THE 2024 POOL SEASON**

WHEREAS, the Verona Community Pool 2025 Season runs from Saturday, May 24, 2025 (Memorial Day Weekend) and all weekends thereafter until Friday, June 20, 2025 when the pool will then be open to members full time through Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2025 and;

WHEREAS, pool membership is available to Verona residents only who may purchase guest passes as needed;

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 8:26-1 et seq.*, all pool facilities must comply with existing sanitation and safety regulatory requirements for recreational bathing facilities to preserve public health set forth in the New Jersey State Sanitary Code regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey approve the following rules for the 2025 Verona Community Pool season:

- A. *The following rules and regulations are for the benefit of all members. They have been established to ensure safe and sanitary operation of the pool facilities. All members, and their guests are to obey all rules and regulations as well as instructions of the Manager and staff employees at all times. Parents must read and explain these rules to their children. Any failure to comply with these rules shall be considered sufficient cause for immediate suspension of pool privileges of the offending person by management. A second offense violation may result in a 2-week suspension or revocation of membership. Suspended members will not be allowed on pool grounds. A bounced check will result in suspension or membership revocation. The Verona Pool management shall establish additional rules as required.*

Membership and Entrance Policies

1. *Membership in the Verona Community Pool is limited to Verona residents only, except for individuals identified Township employees residing out of town. Members are allowed in the pool facility only during regular operating hours.*
2. *No one is allowed in any pool or on pool grounds unless a lifeguard is on duty.*
3. *Members and guests must comply with the rules. Members are responsible for their guests. Guests must wear the wristband given to them when checking in at all times.*
4. *All members will be issued identification tags which must be shown at the front gate for admission to the pool.*
5. *Illegal transfer of badges, giving of false information or defacing of identification badges will result in revocation or suspension of membership without refund. False or misleading representation on the pool membership application will result in an automatic revocation of the pool membership.*
6. *Lost membership tags must be reported to the Front Office or Office of Community Services immediately.*
7. *The Caregiver badge can only be used when the Caregiver is with the member/s that require assistance.*
8. *Only adult memberships can purchase a guest pass.*
9. *All coolers are subject to inspection while on the pool grounds. No glass, glass containers or alcohol is permitted at the pool and will be confiscated.*
10. *Consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on pool property.*
11. *Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be removed from the pool facilities.*
12. *Smoking of any kind is not allowed on the pool grounds or in the pool parking lot.*

Hygiene and Health Safety

13. *There is a gender neutral/family restroom that is available to use at the pool. Parents & caregivers accompanying children over the age of 6, should utilize the family restroom.*
14. *Report any sign of a fecal accident to the manager immediately. Following a fecal accident in any pool, the pool will be cleared of swimmers for a minimum of 30 minutes. The chlorine residual will be immediately checked and adjusted appropriately. This is by recommendation of the Board of Health.*
15. *Diapers must be changed in the rest room area and disposed of in the container provided. Absolutely no changing of diapers on picnic tables.*
16. *According to N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4, all children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands when entering pool.*
17. *All persons shall shower before entering the water.*
18. *Dressing and undressing is permitted only in the locker room; discretion must be used in the locker rooms when showering/dressing.*
19. *Board of Health Rules and Commission Rules prohibit urination on the pool grounds or in the pool water.*

20. *Any person having a communicable disease, open blisters, cuts, sore or inflamed eyes, ears, nose or mouth infections, excessive sunburn or any type of skin disease will be excluded from the pool area.*

Supervision

21. *Use of diving board or slide may be revoked for safety by any staff member for any patron. Goggles cannot be worn on the slide or diving boards.*
22. *No horseplay of any kind in the pool or pool areas. No balls, toys, etc. permitted in the pool or on the deck/grass areas around the pools. Balls may be used only in the recreation area. The recreation area is defined as the volleyball court, basketball court, recreation tent area, and grass area beyond the volleyball court. Use on the pool deck is strictly prohibited.*
23. *There shall be no running or throwing of objects, except in the recreation area.*
24. *Unnecessary spouting of water, snapping of towels, roughness, or other conduct affecting the safety and comfort of others, shall not be permitted.*
25. *Following items are strictly enforced in the pool perimeter;*
- a. Other than assistive devices for people with disabilities, the riding of any type of bike, skateboard, e-scooter, or other manual, electric or motorized device of any kind is prohibited without written consent of the Pool Manager.*
 - b. Walking of bicycles within the pool gates.*
 - c. Skateboarding is forbidden on pool grounds. All skateboards must be stowed near the bike rack.*
 - d. Water pistols of any kind are prohibited.*
26. *No diving into the pool except from the diving boards. Jump feet first only off the 5 ft. wall.*

Age Restrictions

27. *Only children up to the age of 7 will be permitted in the baby pool.*
28. *Parents are responsible for their children. An adult must accompany children 5 and under at all times.*
29. *All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) to be admitted to the pool complex, however, children ages 12 and 13 may be permitted to enter the pool complex without an adult on a probationary basis. During this probationary period, children ages 12 & 13 must adhere to all pool rules and regulations. Failure to comply with pool rules will result in the following consequences:*
- 1st Offense: Warning*
 - 2nd Offense: Removal of probationary privileges, requiring the child to be accompanied by an adult for all future pool visits.*
30. *Only the Verona Pool provided Life Vests are permitted in the pool. No other floatation devices are allowed at any time. Life vests may not be worn when using the waterslide or diving board.*
31. *No children under 18 years of age allowed in the main pool or on the main pool deck during the weekend "Adults Only" hour.*

Respect of Others

32. *Portable audio/video devices of all types must be used with earphones.*
33. *There shall be no littering allowed on pool grounds.*
34. *Destruction of or defacing of pool property will result in suspension or revocation of membership and expulsion from the pool grounds.*

Structures, Chairs, and Possessions

35. *The pool staff are not responsible for valuables brought into the pool.*
36. *Chairs locked or placed on the fences on pool grounds are not the responsibility of the staff. The pool is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen chairs or items in the chair.*
37. *No loitering in the vicinity of Lifeguard stands, entrance ladders, stairs or ramp.*
38. *Pool patrons are not permitted to put up personal tents or umbrellas on pool property.*
39. *Patrons who occupy tables must be present on the pool premises.*
40. *Tables for disabled persons are marked and are reserved for individuals with disabilities and their families or guests.*

Safety

41. *The Pool Manager or Assistant Manager may close or limit the swimming pool facilities whenever, in their judgment, such action is deemed necessary or desirable for safe operation of the pool.*
42. *Any conduct that endangers the safety of others or other patrons' use of the facilities shall be prohibited. No profanity, harassment, intimidation, or bullying of patrons or staff will be tolerated.*
43. *Any patron creating a potentially disruptive or dangerous environment at the top, bottom, or in the vicinity of the waterslide may have waterslide privileges revoked.*
44. *First violation of any rule may result in suspension of membership for up to 2 weeks. Second or subsequent violation of any rule may result in 2-week suspension or revocation of membership. A bounced check will result in membership suspension or revocation. Suspended members will not be permitted on pool grounds and may not enter the pool as a guest or on another type of pass.*

Hours and Closures

45. *Swimmers are required to clear the water 20 minutes prior to closing.*
46. *Family Nights are on Tuesdays from 4pm to 8pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Any Verona resident may enter the pool grounds for \$10 per person and must show photo identification with proof of Verona address to enter.*
47. *The pool grounds will close at 7:00 pm on Sundays between Memorial Day and June 20, 2025. The pool grounds will close at 6:00 pm on Labor Day.*
48. *Weather Closures- The Pool facility is equipped with a THOR GUARD Lightning detection system. It will sound a long horn when lightning is close. The pool facility will be closed then. ALL members must leave the facility at that time. The closing will be sent out through Community Pass. The Thor Guard will sound three short horns when the lightning has passed. If the poor weather passes before 4pm, the pool may reopen. That information will be sent out through Community Pass.*
49. *The Gazebo is available to rent in two- hour blocks with a maximum of four hours for any one day. Only Verona Pool members are eligible to rent the Gazebo. All food must be brought in separately or purchased from the snack bar. There is no cooking or grilling allowed at the Gazebo. Rental times start between 12pm & 5pm Weekdays and 11am and 5pm on Saturdays & Sundays. All rentals are finished by 7pm every day. All Gazebo guests who are non-pool members must pay the guest fee to enter the pool grounds. There is a rain date fee available at the time of rental. Each two- hour rental is \$100. The rain date fee is \$50. (There is only one rain date fee per rental date.) All Gazebo fees are non-refundable. All pool rules must be followed. Members are responsible for their guests.*
50. *Day Passes are available for purchase by Verona Residents only. Purchasing Day Passes are limited to three times. They can only be purchased Monday to Friday. They are not available Memorial Day, July 4th*

or Labor Day. In the instances that the pool is closed due to poor weather conditions, no refund will be issued for Day Passes.

51. Private swim lessons by a VCP lifeguard are available to purchase. Lessons are scheduled directly through the lifeguard and must be paid for at the front office of the pool. Lessons must not take place before the pool opens fully.

52. Splash Pad & Baby Pool Early Access is open to Pool Member Parents/Guardians/Caregivers with children 7 years of age and younger every day after the Pool opens full time on June 20th. Early access is only for the Splash Pad & Baby Pool area. There is no access during this time to the main pool, slides or any attractions. Access to the Splash Pad & Baby Pool is through the Main Gate. By entering the pool, you agree to the following statement:

POOL HOURS for 2025 PRE-SEASON

Memorial Day Weekend (May 23rd, 24th, & 25th)

Saturday, Sunday & Monday (Adult Hour - 18+ & Splash Pad)10:00am to 11:00am

Saturday and Sunday11:00am to 8:00pm

Monday (May 25th - Memorial Day11:00am to 7:00pm

Remaining Pre-Season - Saturday & Sunday Hours (June 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th)

Saturday & Sunday (Adult Hour - 18+ & Splash Pad10:00am to 11:00pm

Pre-Season Saturdays (June 6th & 13th)11:00am to 8:00pm

Pre-Season Sundays (June 7th & 14th)11:00am to 7:00pm

POOL OPENS FULL TIME FRIDAY, JUNE 20th, 2025 AT 12 NOON

HOURS of OPERATION for 2025 POOL SEASON

Monday through Friday (Splash Pad only)10:00am to 12:00pm

Monday through Friday 12:00pm (Noon) to 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday (ADULTS ONLY - 18+ & Splash Pad)10:00am to 11:00am

Saturday & Sunday 11:00am to 8:00pm

By entering the pool, you agree to the following statement:

I HAVE READ THE VERONA COMMUNITY POOL RULES AND AGREE THAT I, MY FAMILY MEMBERS AND ANY GUESTS WILL ABIDE BY ALL POOL RULES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Council of the Township of Verona hereby approves the 2025 Community Pool Season rules and authorize the Director of Community Services to establish and enforce these rules as deemed necessary.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-049

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA DESIGNATING AND DECLARING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 383 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 708, LOT 1 BE DECLARED A -NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "**Redevelopment Law**"), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of redevelopment or as areas in need of rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2024-147, the Township Council (the "**Township Council**") of the Township of Verona (the "**Township**") authorized and directed the Planning Board of the Township of Verona (the "**Planning Board**") to conduct a preliminary investigation of the property identified as 383 Bloomfield Avenue, Block 708, Lot 1 on the tax map of the Township (the "**Study Area**") to determine

whether all or a portion of the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment without condemnation powers (“**Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area**”); and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, a study was performed by Sanyogita Chavan, AICP, PP of H2M Associates, the Planning Board’s Professional Planner (the “**Planner**”) to determine whether the Study Area should be designated an area in need of redevelopment; and,

WHEREAS, the Planner conducted an investigation and prepared a report with a map of the Study Area depicting the proposed redevelopment area and the location of the parcel under consideration which included a statement of the basis for the investigation and other information, in a report entitled “Township of Verona, 383 Bloomfield Avenue, Area in Need of Redevelopment Preliminary Investigation Report”, dated November 2024 (the “**Study**”), memorializing findings and recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the Study concluded that the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(d) and 5(h), including but not limited to dilapidation, obsolescence and the designation is consistent with smart growth principles to be designated as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area under the Redevelopment Law; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, the Planning Board held a duly noticed public hearing concerning the Study (“**Public Hearing**”) and gave an opportunity to be heard to all persons interested in or affected by a determination that the Study Area is a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area; and,

WHEREAS, at the Public Hearing the Planning Board reviewed the findings of the Planner set forth in the Study, heard expert testimony from the Planner (Sanyogita Chavan, AICP, PP) concerning the potential designation of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment using the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, and opened the Public Hearing to members of the public for comment and to present their own evidence and/or to address questions to the Planning Board and its representatives concerning the potential designation of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment with no member of the public appearing; and,

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2025, based on its review of the Study and the testimony presented at the Public Hearing, the Planning Board voted to recommend to the Council that the Study Area be designated a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment (the “**Planning Board Recommendation**”), accepting and adopting the recommendations contained in the Study, and recommending that the Study Area be declared a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area for the reasons set forth therein; and,

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of the Study, the Planning Board Recommendation, and all of the relevant facts and circumstances concerning this matter, the Township of Verona seeks to designate the Study Area as a non-condensation area in need of redevelopment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. Based upon the evidence and the recommendation of the Planning Board, the property in the Study Area satisfies the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(d) and 5(h), and such property is hereby designated as an area in need of redevelopment without condemnation powers.

Section 3. In connection with the redevelopment of the Study Area, the Township shall be authorized to use all the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, other than the power of eminent domain.

Section 4. The Township Council hereby directs the Township Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution forthwith to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs for review pursuant to Section 6(b)(5)(c) of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 5. The Township Council hereby directs the Township Clerk to serve, within ten (10) days hereof, a copy of this Resolution upon (i) all record owners of property located within the Study Area, as reflected on the tax assessor’s records, and (ii) each person who filed a written objection prior to the Public Hearing, service to be in the manner provided by Section 6(b)(5)(d) of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-050

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman Holland 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:

New Business:

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| 1. Appointments | | | Unexpired Term Ending |
| a. VMAC | Member | Tim Schmidt | 12/31/2027 |

RESOLUTION No. 2025-051

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

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALOIA LAW FIRM LLC FOR TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2025 and terminating on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a proposal from Aloia Law Firm LLC, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 to represent the Township as the Township Attorney for 2025 at the same rate of compensation as in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i)*) permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to Aloia Law Firm LLC is being made pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said professional services shall be set at a monthly retainer of \$6,000 per month worked, or any portion thereof for "General Services" as outlined in the agreement, plus \$125 per hour for any and all legal services outside of the "General Services" performed by the Attorney, \$75 per hour for any paralegal work performed on services other than "General Services", plus the cost of any reimbursable items; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Accounts that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds which shall be certified by the Chief Financial Officer upon presentation of a properly executed Purchase Order and approval of the 2025 Budget.

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. An agreement with the Aloia Law Firm LLC, 2 Broad Street, Suite 407, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 is hereby authorized to provide legal services for the period commencing on January 1, 2025 and terminating on December 31, 2025 not to exceed \$100,000 without further authorization of the Township Council.
3. That the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract for any reason upon thirty (30) days' notice and Aloia Law Firm LLC shall only be paid for the work completed; furthermore, no minimum amount of work or payment is implied or guaranteed.
4. That this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.
5. That the Township Manager and the Township 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 Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Public Comment:

None.


Council goes into Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. and returns to the Public Session at 9:55 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath at 9:55 p.m. 5 ayes.

The next meeting is February 18, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: February 18, 2025