

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

RESOLUTION No. 2024-244

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH KEVIN O’SULLIVAN AS
VERONA TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

WHEREAS, Township Manager Joseph O. D’Arco’s three-year employment agreement which began February 7, 2022, is set to expire on February 6, 2025, and he has indicated that he is not seeking an extension of his employment and will be retiring from full time service after 56 years of public employment; and

WHEREAS, Township Manager D’Arco previously hired and appointed Kevin O’Sullivan as Verona’s Deputy Township Manager in an effort to have a succession plan in place for Mr. D’Arco’s eventual retirement; and

WHEREAS, the number and complexity of ongoing projects and initiatives within the Township of Verona require continued strategic leadership based on institutional knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that Mr. O’Sullivan combination of prior experience as Borough Administrator in North Caldwell, his work in Verona, and his education and training exceptionally qualify him to be Township Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Council has had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. O’Sullivan, formally interviewed him, and agreed to implement the previously identified succession plan and therefore desires to appoint Mr. O’Sullivan to serve as the next Manager for the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, through the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, have offered Mr. O’Sullivan the position and presented him with the attached employment agreement for consideration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O’Sullivan has accepted the position and indicated an ability to begin performing the duties of the Township Manager on February 7, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Kevin O’Sullivan is hereby appointed as Township Manager effective February 7, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the contract with Kevin O’Sullivan a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, 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.

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 THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2024.


JENNIFER KIERNAN, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

