

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, August 4, 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, Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus, Township Attorney Brian Aloia, and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are present. Township Manager Kevin O’Sullivan is not present.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Tamburro had the pleasure of attending the Verona Baseball and Softball event and had the opportunity of introducing the band at the Summer Concert Series. He thanks the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the Summer Concert Series and also thanks everyone involved in the groundbreaking for the new Everett Field project. There will be no Planning Board meeting for the month of August. The National Night Out Event will be held tomorrow, August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center and Congresswoman Monica McIver’s office will be in the Council Chambers on Wednesday. Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> will be the screening for Happy Gilmore 2 in the Civic Center and lastly, there is a special meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the public safety bill. The Mayor makes the following appointments

a.	Shade Tree Commission		<b>Unexpired Term Ending</b>
i.	Kathy Rutherford	Alternate #2	12/31/2025
b.	Historical Preservation Commission		
i.	Teena Schwartz	Class C Member	12/31/2025

Essex County Liaison, Julius Coltre, reports on the August 8<sup>th</sup> event at Brookdale Park and the August 15<sup>th</sup> event at Eagle Rock Reservation which will be closing out the Summer Concert Series. There will also be a 9/11 event, the annual golf outing and the annual Essex County senior wellness.

Manager’s Report:

Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus reports on the public communication plan, the window replacements, lead abatement and the status of various other projects and improvements.

Councilmember’s Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy reminds the public of the Sustainable Verona energy audit project and thanks the Verona Pool staff for their involvement in the Summer Concert Series and the Buildings and Grounds team members for keeping the pool looking great. Tomorrow is National Night Out and Thursday the Chamber of Commerce is having a meet and greet at the Verona Inn. He lastly thanks all involved parties in the process of the building of the new Everett Field.

Councilman Roman comments on the council and ballroom AV upgrades and thanks all parties involved in helping to execute that. He comments on Everett Field, the VBSL event, as well as the groundbreaking tonight. He lastly wishes a happy birthday to both Councilwoman McGrath and Deputy Mayor McEvoy.

Councilwoman McGrath expresses her excitement over the new Everett Field project and Congresswoman McIver's office coming in this week. She lastly suggests a plan to address future flooding in an attempt to assist town residents.

Councilwoman Holland acknowledges August's weather and urges residents to be mindful of inclement weather watches and warnings. She is thrilled about the Everett Field project moving forward and is grateful for the support of the residents and everyone involved.

Public Comment:

Corey Schor, Verona, New Jersey  
Paul Petrangeli, Verona, New Jersey

July 21, 2025 meeting minutes are unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Holland makes a motion to pull resolutions L-18 and L-19 from the consent agenda to be discussed and voted on separately.

The Deputy Township Manager explains that resolution L-9 is no longer valid as the resident had the tree removed prior to approval and the Zoning Official will follow the procedures to issue a violation.

Deputy Mayor McEvoy motions to move L-9 from the consent agenda.

Public Comment on the Consent Agenda:

None.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-179**

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

#### **APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #3 AND CONTRACT CLOSE-OUT FOR CONTRACT No. 2024-14 - PICKLE BALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2024-229 awarded Contract 2024-14 - Pickle Ball Court Improvements to Dakota Excavating Contractors, Saddle River, New Jersey in the base bid amount of \$442,565; and

**WHEREAS**, Change Orders No. 1 & 2 were previously approved by the Township Council for a combined total of \$28,324.28; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has received Contract Change No. 3 for as-built quantities in the amount of (\$633.18); and

**WHEREAS**, Contract Change No. 3 is in the best interests of the Township of Verona.

**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. 3 be approved for a final contract amount of \$470,256.10, resulting in a 6.26% decrease, be approved.

**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 Change No. 3 and Close-Out Contract No. 2024-14 on behalf of the Township.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-180**

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-180**

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

**PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE EMERGENCY  
CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS ON THE SEWER SYSTEM BETWEEN  
DERWENT AVENUE AND THE PECKMAN RIVER**

**WHEREAS**, In October 2024 an emergency condition arose relating to the sanitary sewer system, specifically in the area of Derwent Avenue and the Peckman River; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial emergency repair work was completed by Wind River Environmental; and

**WHEREAS**, due to delays outside of the Townships control a portion of the repairs to resolve this emergent condition that impacts the public health and welfare were delayed until Spring 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Spring 2025 additional emergency repairs to manholes between Derwent Avenue and the Peckman River were completed by FSC Leak Detection upon the Township Council's approval of Resolution No. 2025-179; and

**WHEREAS**, supplemental funding in the amount of \$41,420 is needed for the supply and installation of pipe to the existing pipeline without disruption in service;

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Ordinance No. 2021-24 or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the emergent condition as it relates to the sanitary sewer system between Derwent Avenue and the Peckman River is acknowledged and that the Administration is authorized to enter into contracts necessary to complete all repairs and address all public health concerns.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, any contracts shall be limited in duration to the nature of the emergency condition that impacts public health and welfare

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-181**

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

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH  
BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR THE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
FRANKLIN STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Street pedestrian bridge was installed in 1954; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon thorough inspection of the bridge, Boswell Engineering concluded that the bridge itself should be completely replaced, a rehabilitation of the abutment and adjacent drainage outfall apron; and,

**WHEREAS**, Boswell’s findings determined an exposed water main at the bottom of the channel that should be addressed and reported that the approaches to the bridge exceed the allowable 1: 12 slope required by the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and must be brought up to compliance.; and,

**WHEREAS**, the scope of this work includes civil and structural design and environmental permitting; and.

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

**WHEREAS**, the cost of this project shall not exceed \$99,000 and shall be charged to an account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer.

**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 Professional Service contract is awarded to Boswell Engineering for the design and engineering of said project:

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 \$99,000 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:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-182**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2025 MUNICIPAL  
BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A  
SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE 2024-2025 STATE  
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received \$10,000 from the State of New Jersey, Pedestrian Safety Program and wishes to amend its CY2025 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the

insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2025 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$10,000 which is now available as revenue from:

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2025 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$10,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(A) Operations - Excluded from “CAPS”  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
Pedestrian Safety Grant.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-183**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2025 MUNICIPAL  
BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A  
SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE 2025-2026  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received \$22,625 from the County of Essex in the form of the 2025-2026 Municipal Alliance Grant and wishes to amend its CY2025 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2025 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$22,625 which is now available as revenue from:

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

2025-2026 Municipal Alliance Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2025 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$22,625 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(A) Operations - Excluded from “CAPS”  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
2025-2026 Municipal Alliance Grant

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-184**

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

**PERMITTING THE REMOVAL OF AN EXTRAORDINARY TREE  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 493, ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 21(C) OF THE  
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the property owner at 10 Cambridge Road, Block 104, Lot 15, has requested a permit to remove a white-oak tree located on their property; and

**WHEREAS**, with a diameter exceeding thirty-six (36) inches, said tree is defined as extraordinary trees in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Oak is forty (40) inches in diameter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Forester has determined that the tree is alive and no decay is present with a visual inspection from the ground; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 493, Article II, paragraph 21(C) of the Township Code states that removal of extraordinary trees shall be prohibited except upon the specific written recommendation of the Zoning Official after consultation of the Township Forester and approval by resolution of the Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner is concerned for the family’s safety and structure of the home and is therefore hazardous; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Official has submitted a memorandum recommending removal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the property owner is permitted to remove the extraordinary tree.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall serve as the written authorization pursuant to Chapter 493, Article II, Paragraph 21(C).

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-185**

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

**PERMITTING THE REMOVAL OF AN EXTRAORDINARY TREE PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 493, ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 21(C) OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the property owner at 26 Derwent Avenue, Block 1703, Lot 45, has requested a permit to remove an Ash tree located on their property; and

**WHEREAS**, with a diameter exceeding thirty-six (36) inches, said tree is defined as extraordinary trees in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ash tree is forty-six (46) inches in diameter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Forester has reported that the tree is infested with the Emerald Ash Borer and has over 75% canopy dieback and is a hazard; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 493, Article II, paragraph 21(C) of the Township Code states that removal of extraordinary trees shall be prohibited except upon the specific written recommendation of the Zoning Official after consultation of the Township Forester and approval by resolution of the Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Official is in agreement with the Township Forester's recommendation as stated in the attached memorandums.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the property owner is permitted to remove the extraordinary tree.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall serve as the written authorization pursuant to Chapter 493, Article II, Paragraph 21(C).

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-186**

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

**PERMITTING THE REMOVAL OF AN EXTRAORDINARY TREE  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 493, ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 21(C) OF THE  
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the property owner at 144 Elmwood Road, Block 904, Lot 27, has requested a permit to remove two (2) Ash trees located on their property; and

**WHEREAS**, with a diameter exceeding thirty-six (36) inches, both trees are defined as extraordinary trees in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ash trees are forty (40) inches and thirty-six (46) inches in diameter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Forester has determined that both Ash trees are infested with the Emerald Ash Borer and both have over 75% canopy dieback and are a hazard to the property; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 493, Article II, paragraph 21(C) of the Township Code states that removal of extraordinary trees shall be prohibited except upon the specific written recommendation of the Zoning Official after consultation of the Township Forester and approval by resolution of the Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Forester and Zoning Official have recommended in the attached memorandums that the trees be removed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the property owner is permitted to remove the extraordinary trees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall serve as the written authorization pursuant to Chapter 493, Article II, Paragraph 21(C).

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-187**

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

#### **AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BAKER & TAYLOR, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Library purchases books or media that are accessible for use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library is a *temple unabridged with priceless treasure*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library Director has requested Baker & Taylor, a distributor of books and media to public libraries schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Manager has determined that the value of said services has exceeded \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, \$80,000 of the services provided shall be charged to budget 5-01-29-390-281 and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and,

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Baker & Taylor, LLC, 2810 Coliseum Centre Drive, Suite 300, Charlotte, NC 28217 is hereby awarded a contract for providing books and media not to exceed \$80,000; and

**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 any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2025-188**



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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH  
LYONS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona does not employ Licensed Sewage Collection, Licensed Water Treatment and Licensed Water Distribution System Operators at the required level and has a need to contract with an outside firm to provide Licensed Sewage Collection, Licensed Water Treatment and Licensed Water Distribution System Operators to meet the requirements of the system permits from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to acquire Licensed Sewage Collection, Licensed Water Treatment and Licensed Water Distribution System Operators as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township has solicited the services of Lyons Environmental Services, LLC, 1105 Green Grove Road, Building #2, Neptune, New Jersey 07753 to provide these services for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Lyons Environmental Services, LLC, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Lyons Environmental Services, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Lyons Environmental Services, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to account 5-05-55-502-028 and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; 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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby authorizes contracts with Lyons Environmental Services, LLC, 1105 Green Grove Road, Building #2, Neptune, New Jersey 07753 to provide to provide Licensed Sewage Collection, Licensed Water Treatment and Licensed Water Distribution System Operators not to exceed \$75,000 in the calendar year without further authorization of the Township Council.

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

**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 any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-189**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MARTIN CONTRACTING, LLC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township requires immediate repairing of water and sewer lines within the Township in the event of a water main break; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Contracting, LLC provides such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of services shall not exceed the total amount of \$52,000.00 and shall be charged to budget line item 5-05-55\*-502-338.

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

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The services requested shall not exceed \$52,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
8. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-190**

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

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A LICENSED S-3 OPERATOR FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH MJG SERVICES, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona requires the professional services of a licensed S-3 operator for the Waste Water Treatment Plant to meet the requirements of the system permits from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has solicited the services of MJG Services, LLC, 122 Young Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009 to provide these services for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, MJG Services, LLC has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the services for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Manager recommends that the Township Council authorize the execution of an agreement with MJG Services, LLC to provide said services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby authorizes the execution of a contract for Professional Services with MJG Services, LLC to provide a Licensed S-3 Operator for the Waste Water Treatment Plan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the 2025 calendar year without further authorization of the Township Council.

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

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-191**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MONTANA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has a need to maintain storm water and sewer lines within the Township throughout the 2025 year; and

**WHEREAS**, Montana Construction Corp, Inc., 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey 07644 has provides said services; and

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

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. C- 53-46-040-039 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Verona; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that a contract is awarded to 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 \$44,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-192**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NINO'S MACHINERY REPAIR, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Buildings & Grounds requires gas airless stripers to use for thermoplastic, striping and scarifying applications; and,

**WHEREAS**, Nino's Machinery Repair LLC provides a line driver HD, module 200cc striper compatible with the needs of the Department; and

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

**WHEREAS**, expenditures will be in an amount not to exceed \$37,638 and shall be charged to the budget account C53-46-040-040 and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Nino's Machinery Repair, LLC, PO Box 1671, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 is hereby awarded a contract in an amount not to exceed \$37,638; and

**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 any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-193**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PAUL MILLER ENTERPRISES, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, purchasing automobile parts and repair of police vehicles is required in order to ensure proper maintenance and longevity of such vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul Miller Enterprises, LLC provides such goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said goods exceeds \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, said goods and services provided shall be charged to the budget account 5-01-26-295-015; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Paul Miller Enterprises, LLC, 950 Bloomfield Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ is hereby awarded a contract for providing automobile parts for an amount and not to exceed \$52,000; and

**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 any agreement necessary for the aforementioned services a copy of which shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-194**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT STERIL-KONI USA, INC**

**WHEREAS**, a need exists for the acquisition of heavy-duty hydraulic lift for the repair and maintenance of Department of Public Works trucks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the New Jersey State Contract Pricing Contract #25-FLEET-019424/m4009 pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et seq.*, and

**WHEREAS**, Steril-Koni USA, Inc. provides heavy-duty hydraulic lifts at a price of \$93,404.53.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, that Steril-Koni USA, Inc is hereby awarded a contract to supply a heavy-duty hydraulic lift in an amount not to exceed \$93,404.53, charged to budget line C-53-46-040-041.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-195**

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

**RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH  
OPEIU LOCAL 153, AFL-CIO**

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has been successful in reaching a settlement in contract negotiations with Office & Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), Local 153, AFL-CIO; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have prepared the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement outlining the terms and conditions agreed to during negotiations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement has been ratified by the rank and file of OPEIU Local 153, AFL-CIO and sets forth the terms and conditions of employment as well as all privileges, benefits and salaries for the period commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that it hereby ratifies the Agreement and authorizes the Township Manager and Township Clerk to execute the attached collective bargaining agreement with OPEIU Local 153, AFL-CIO for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:** Holland

Council discusses a pilot program to hold adult swims at the Community Pool for the remainder of the 2025 pool season. Pool Manager, Walt Steinmann is invited to make any comments as he is present this evening.

Mayor Tamburro makes a motion to amend resolution L-18 to allow adult swims to be held on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> for a 15-minute period(s) between the hours of 1pm – 4pm and Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> for a 15-minute period (s) between the hours of 2pm – 5pm. There are no objections from the Council.

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-196**

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

**APPROVING A PILOT-PROGRAM TO HOLD “ADULT SWIMS” AT THE  
COMMUNITY POOL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2025 POOL SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the member rules for the 2025 Community Pool season were adopted by the Township Council by Resolution No. 2025-048 on February 3, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in prior years the Pool had brief periods of adult swim for members 18 years of age and older during regular operating hours; and

**WHEREAS**, over July 4th weekend a petition was circulated at the Pool to determine interest in re-establishing two fifteen-minute adult swim periods; and

**WHEREAS**, the petition that was submitted to the Municipal Clerk and contained seventy-seven signatures of members supporting establishing two fifteen-minute adult swim periods; and

**WHEREAS**, to confirm interest in the adult swim periods, a pilot adult swim program will be established for the remainder of this 2025 Pool season and held on Friday, August 15th at 1:00pm and 4:00pm and on Saturday, August 16th at 2:00pm and 5:00pm and each adult swim period will last for fifteen (15) minutes. Should the pool be closed due to weather on either these

dates, that pilot test day will be held the following week on Friday, August 22nd and/or Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, depending on the day the pool is not opened.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the pool rules for 2025 shall be amended to include the Adult Swim pilot program as described above in the shallow end of the pool (3') up to and including the (4') lap lanes.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:**

New Business:

There is discussion on the process of appointments made by the governing body to the Planning Board

Public Comment:

Jan Zales, Verona, New Jersey

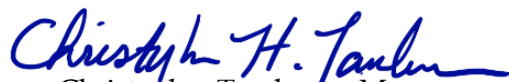
Corey Schor, Verona, New Jersey

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:22pm is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman. The next meeting is August 18, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

  
Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: August 18, 2025