

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, October 6, 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 Assistant to 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 Kevin O'Sullivan, Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus, Township Attorney Brian Aloia, and Assistant to the Municipal Clerk Jessica Rodriguez are present.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tamburro conducts a moment of silence to respect and honor Verona resident Daria Gebbia's recent passing. He had the opportunity to participate in the strategic plan meeting for the Verona Public Library and thanks everyone who participated in the September 11th ceremony. The mayor attended the very successful Junior Women's Club Taste of Verona event and also attended the 60th anniversary of Claridge House one. He recognizes Verona graduate Isabella Lambert who was named one of the 161 US Presidential scholars in the United States, thanks all residents for providing their Verona community Pool feedback and attended the Celebration of Pets. He announces that the Verona Environmental Commission met this month, congratulates all newlywed couples who were wed in Verona Town Hall and lastly reminds and encourages all residents to partake in Verona Family Night.

The Junior Woman's Club approaches the lectern to speak about Verona Fights Hunger week and Mayor Tamburro presents them with a proclamation.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan reports on the status of multiple projects including the Primary Clarifier Pump Station Improvement, Fairview Avenue Well, Peckman River Bank Stabilization, Linden Avenue project, Everett Field and Shade Trees. The Community Energy Plan is ongoing, as well as the Council Chambers AVA upgrades. The Verona Affordable Housing plan is also discussed as well as the Bloomfield Avenue Streetscape project, roof improvements, Open Space, the Emergency Services Building and the Community Services projects.

Health Ordinance Discussion.

Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus and Director of Community Services Pam Priscoe approach the lectern to provide a presentation on Pool Financials and 2026 Recommendations.

Township Planner approaches the lectern to present the Redevelopment Plan for 383 Bloomfield Avenue.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy begins by thanking the mayor for the moment of silence for Daria Gebbia and her family. He also thanks everyone involved in the 9/11 ceremony and attended Claridge 1's 60th anniversary ceremony and the blessing of the pets this weekend. The Deputy Mayor congratulates the Juniors on their Taste of Verona event and recognizes all involved in the breast cancer awareness flag raising. He lastly attended the We Care Rally and acknowledges all involved and their efforts.

Councilman Roman also attended the Claridge 1 anniversary and congratulates Pam Priscoe for her new roll as Director of Community Services. He announces that he will be stepping down in his roll with the Planning Board due to scheduling conflicts and wishes them all the best in their ongoing work.

Councilwoman McGrath begins by extending her condolences to Daria Gebbia’s family on their devastating loss. She was also present at the 9/11 ceremony, the Taste of Verona event and the Claridge House 1’s anniversary. She lastly mentions how active the Shade Tree Commission, the Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee and the Multicultural Inclusion ad Accessibility Advisory Committee has been.

Councilwoman Holland acknowledges female leadership and all organizations doing an amazing job cultivating that leadership. She attended and enjoyed all of the same events as mentioned by her colleagues and discusses this year’s Verona Family Night. She thanks and acknowledges Michael Kraus and Pam Priscoe for the presentation and states that the Joint Flood Advisory Board will be having a meeting on October 16th. She reminds all residents to be aware of the winter termination program and to take advantage of the assistance if needed and mentions the addition of a summer program of assistance as well. Lastly, condolences are expressed for Daria’s family on their devastating loss.

Public Comment:

Katia Ghazi, Verona, New Jersey
Elizabeth Connelly, Verona, New Jersey
Walter Steinmann, Verona, New Jersey
Robert Blitz, Verona, New Jersey
Jan Zales, Verona, New Jersey
Monica Vincent, Verona, New Jersey
Paul Petrangeli, Verona, New Jersey
Corey Schor, Verona, New Jersey

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE No. 2025-15

AMENDING CHAPTER A565 “SCHEDULE OF FEES” SECTION 5
“RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY CENTER FEES”

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

SECTION 1. The language currently contained in Chapter A565-5 of the Code of the Township of Verona is hereby amended to include the following:

§A565 - 5 Recreation Department and Community Center Fees
Recreation Department and Community Center Fees shall be amended to reflect a range of fees.
Deletions are in ~~strikethrough~~, [additions are bolded in brackets]:

SPORTS RECREATION DEPARTMENT	
Youth sport programs	\$10 to \$100 \$10 - \$130
Adult health, exercise, and wellness	\$10 to \$100 \$10 - \$120
Youth art and dance	\$10 to \$100 \$10 - \$120
Adult team sports	\$200 to \$400/ team \$200-\$500/team
Individual Registration Fee	\$15-\$30
Rutgers coaching class	\$40 to \$60 Cost of Registration
Administrative fee (refunds and events)	20%

Uniform non-return fee	\$25
Water Aerobics (Pool)	\$105-\$125
Ski Trips	\$125-\$175
GOLF TOURNAMENT:	
Golf package/ per golfer	\$150 Up to \$200
Four-Some Golfing Package	Up to \$800
Dinner only	\$75 Up to \$100
Dinner sponsor	\$1,000 Up to \$1,250
Beverage/Snack stand Sponsor	\$250 Up to \$350
Golf balls sponsor	\$375 Up to \$450
Hole sponsor	\$100 Up to \$200
SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS AND PROGRAMS	
Summer playground	\$300 per child \$350-\$650
Maximum family rate: 2+ children	\$600 \$700-\$1,300
Summer kick-off program	\$100; late fee \$50
General art programs	\$40 to \$100
Clinic package (summer program)	\$50 to \$100
Camp package (summer program)	\$75 to \$125
Clinic package and camp package, combined	\$75 to \$125
What Am I Gonna Do Today?	\$5 per child per day
Teachers' Convention	\$5 per child per day
Open gym/ dance	\$5 to \$25
Instructional clinics	\$20 to \$90
Special event/program	\$5 to \$50
After-school drop-in	No charge
Late fee for summer playgrounds	\$30 to \$50
Late fee — programs	\$10
Late fee — teams	\$25
* Unless otherwise indicated, all above fees are per person.	
Non-Resident Registration Fee	25% above current resident registration fee
GYM RENTAL	
Use of gym, 5 continuous weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	\$1,000, plus \$250 maintenance fee
Township residents (no equipment rental)	\$75 per hour
Nonresidents (no equipment rental)	\$150 per hour
Verona organizations	\$75 per hour
Non-Verona organizations	\$150 per hour
FIELD RENTALS (VERONA-BASED INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS)	
Rentals up to 4 hours per day	\$150 per day plus \$25 maintenance fee
Rentals up to 8 hours per day	\$250 per day plus \$25 maintenance fee
Flat fee for full week rental (7 days)	\$700 per week plus \$175 maintenance fee
FIELD RENTAL (NON-VERONA-BASED INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS)	

Rentals up to 4 hours per day	\$300 per day plus \$50 maintenance fee
Rentals up to 8 hours per day	\$500 per day plus \$50 maintenance fee
Flat fee for full week rental (7 days)	\$1,400 per week plus \$350 maintenance fee
COMMUNITY CENTER ROOM RENTALS	
Birthday parties	
Two-hour rental of gym and Fireman's Room	\$200 flat fee plus \$50 Maintenance fee
Additional fee for extra hours	\$100 per hour
Large room (Ballroom)	
Township residents – 2 hours minimum	\$75 per hour plus \$75 maintenance fee
Nonresidents – 2 hours minimum	\$150 per hour plus \$75 maintenance fee
Small room (Fireman's Room)	
Township residents – 2 hours minimum	\$50 per hour plus \$50 maintenance fee
Nonresidents – 2 hours minimum	\$100 per hour plus \$50 maintenance fee
Conference room	\$25 per hour
Annex	
Classroom rental – billed in four-hour increments	\$200 per 4 hours + \$50 maintenance fee
FAIR IN THE SQUARE	
Various vendor fees	\$5 to \$100
COMMUNITY GARDEN RENTALS	\$30 to \$75

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 20 days after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

Ordinance is moved by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman.

Public Comment:

Corey Schor, Verona, New Jersey

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance H1 will be numbered 2025-15 and is passed by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law.

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

ORDINANCE No. 2025-16

**FIXING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE PAID
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE
2025, 2026 CALENDAR YEARS**

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

SECTION 1: That for the calendar year 2025, the salaries and compensations of the various paid officers and employees of the Township of Verona shall be at the following rates:

<u>Department/Position</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Maximum</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Maximum</u>
<u>Office of the Municipal Clerk</u>			
Municipal Clerk	\$100,000	\$106,901	\$109,841
<u>Office of the Township Manager</u>			
Township Manager	\$180,000	\$186,000	\$191,000
Deputy Township Manager	\$120,000	\$145,000	\$148,988
Confidential Secretary to the Township Manager *	\$75,000	\$81,022	\$85,427
<u>Division of Buildings and Grounds</u>			
Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds	\$127,186	\$135,963	\$139,702
Construction Code Official	\$130,783	\$139,809	\$143,654
<u>Department of Community Services</u>			
Director of Community Services	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$113,025
<u>Department of Finance</u>			
CMFO/Tax Collector	\$130,000	\$136,247	\$139,993
<u>Department of Public Works</u>			
Superintendent of Public Works	\$135,304	\$144,641	\$148,619
<u>I.T. Supervisor</u>	\$90,000	\$130,000	\$133,575
<u>Office of the Tax Assessor -</u>			
Tax Assessor (Part Time)	\$62,631	\$66,954	\$68,795

**2025 Maximum Equals OPEIU Scale Grade 2 Step 3, 2026 Equals Grade 2 Step 4, 2027 Equals Grade 2 Step 5*
***Any salary changes in 2026 will mirror OPEIU increases where 50% is received on 1/1 and the remaining 50%*

SECTION 2: Salaries recorded above are base salaries.

SECTION 3: The salaries herein fixed shall be paid semi-monthly, unless the method of payment is changed by resolution of the Township Council.

SECTION 4: Such salaries respectively shall be in lieu of any and all fees to which the respective incumbents of said officers might be otherwise entitled to by statute of ordinance which fee immediately upon collection thereof shall be paid over to the Township Treasurer for the use of the Township.

SECTION 5: The salaries and compensation shall be January 1, 2025 unless specified.

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

Ordinance is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Mayor Tamburro.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance I1 will be numbered 2025-16 and is passed by a vote of 5-0. It will be published and according to law and a public hearing will be held on October 20th.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-223

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

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN EIGHT NEW NATIONAL OPIOIDS
SECONDARY MANUFACTURERS SETTLEMENTS WITH ALVOGEN,
AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN AND ZYDUS TO
RESOLVE CLAIMS INVOLVING THEIR ROLES IN THE COUNTRY'S
OPIOID CRISIS**

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2021, Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck announced that New Jersey intends to join nationwide settlement agreements with New Jersey based pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson and the United States' three largest pharmaceutical distributors – McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen – to resolve claims involving their roles in fomenting the country's opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is participating in eight (8) new proposed national opioids settlements "Secondary Manufacturers Settlements" have been reached with eight opioid manufacturers: Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun and Zydus; and

WHEREAS, participation in the nationwide settlements will not only hold the companies financially accountable by requiring payments of as much over \$720 million, the settlements will provide funding to support programs that address the opioid epidemic in New Jersey and across the country, and will require significant changes in the pharmaceutical industry aimed at preventing similar crises in the future; and

WHEREAS, participation by a significant number of states, county and municipal governments nationwide must agree to the proposed terms in order for the settlements to take effect; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to participate and join in the settlement agreements in order to hold these companies financially accountable for the ongoing opioid crisis and to implement the necessary changes to prevent such a crisis from happening again in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the Township Manager and the Township Clerk to sign any documents necessary in order to join the settlement agreements with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun and Zydus to resolve claims involving their participation in the opioid crisis.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-224

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

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NEW NATIONAL OPIOIDS
SECONDARY MANUFACTURERS SETTLEMENT PURDUE AND ITS
AFFILIATES AND THE SACKLER FAMILY TO RESOLVE CLAIMS
INVOLVING THEIR ROLES IN THE COUNTRY'S OPIOID CRISIS**

WHEREAS, a new national opioids settlement has been reached with Purdue and certain of its affiliates and the Sackler family; and

WHEREAS, the settlements will provide funding to support programs that address the opioid epidemic in New Jersey and across the country, and will require significant changes in the pharmaceutical industry aimed at preventing similar crises in the future; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement is being implemented in connection with Purdue's bankruptcy proceedings, and settlements of direct claims against the Sacklers held by States, local governments and other creditors (collectively, the "Sackler Direct Settlement", and together with the Estate Settlement, the "Purdue Settlement"); and

WHEREAS, participation by a significant number of states, county and municipal governments nationwide must agree to the proposed terms in order for the settlements to take effect; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to participate and join in the settlement agreements in order to hold these companies financially accountable for the ongoing opioid crisis and to implement the necessary changes to prevent such a crisis from happening again in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the Township Manager and the Township Clerk to sign any documents necessary in order to join the settlement agreements with Purdue and the Sackler family to resolve claims involving their participation in the opioid crisis.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-225

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GEMA CONSTRUCTION LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona requires rehabilitation of the sidewalk and curbing at the Community Center; 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 Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services will exceed \$52,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 5-53-46-040-042 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, the Township Manager has recommended that GEMA Construction LLC, 127 William Street, South River, NJ 08882 be awarded a contract to provide sidewalk and curbing services at the Community Center.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that GEMA Construction LLC is hereby awarded a contract for providing painting services not to exceed \$52,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

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:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-226

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH JCT SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the purchase of automated license plate reader cameras, electronic network equipment and security and cabling for the police department; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to acquire such services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.5*; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the County of Union Cooperative Pricing System - #8-UCCP, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et seq.*, and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. C-53-46-038-005 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.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that JCT Solutions, 36 Commerce Street, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of fixed automated license plate readers in an amount not to exceed \$54,427.26

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:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-227

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH JDV EQUIPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Waste Water Treatment Plant requires repair and replacement of certain instruments within the grit removal process that need to be manufactured and fabricated to the specifications of the mechanism utilized in the grit removal process; and

WHEREAS, grit removal process removes all small sediment such as stones and/or bits of plastic from the sewer influent into the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

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

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 5-05-55-502-384 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 of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract to JDV Equipment Corporation 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 JDV Equipment Corporation 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 JDV Equipment Corporation, 104 Fulton Street, Boonton, New Jersey 07005 is hereby awarded a contract for repair and replacement of certain instruments within the mechanism not to exceed \$24,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

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:

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION No. 2025-228**

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PARAMUS FORD

WHEREAS, a need exists for the acquisition of Police rated vehicle for the daily operations of the Township of Verona Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the Bergen County Coop, Bid#BC-BID-24-23 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et seq., and

WHEREAS, Paramus Ford has proposed a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor in the amount of \$44,671,67.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, that Paramus Ford is hereby awarded a contract for a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor in an amount not to exceed \$44,671,67, charged to account number C-53-46-040-056 or any other account deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-229

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ZC UTILITY SERVICES LLC dba
CARNER BROS.**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the installation of an insertion valve in the digester pump room at the waste water treatment facility; 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 Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the value of said services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. 5-05-55-502-384 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, the Township Manager has recommended that ZC Utility Services LLC, dba Carner Bros. be awarded a contract to provide services at the waste water treatment facility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that ZC Utility Services LLC dba Carner Bros. is hereby

awarded a contract for providing sewer services not to exceed \$22000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

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:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-230

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman 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 64 Newman Avenue, Block 1008, Lot 9, has requested a permit to remove a Red Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter exceeding forty-four (44) inches, said tree is defined as extraordinary trees in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the backside of the tree is completely decayed; 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 memorandum.

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:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-231

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1* authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of Government Services, and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct electronic tax sales, and

WHEREAS, NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com, whom conducted the 2024 electronic tax sale, has a price quotation of \$25.00 per certificate advertised, and

WHEREAS, then Township of Verona wishes to award NJ Tax Lien Investors/Realauction.com contract for electronic tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale on December 4, 2025, with NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com, for 2024 municipal charges.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-232

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

**AUTHORIZING THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH AN ELECTRONIC
TAX SALE**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1* authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Township of Verona wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Township Council of the Township of Verona, New Jersey, that a fee of \$25.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2025 electronic tax sale.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-233

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

CANCEL UNEXPENDED BALANCES IN CURRENT FUND

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona audit has reflected a liability for “Reserve for Revaluation”, and

WHEREAS, this amount has been unused in the audit for multiple years, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer would like to cancel this balance to fund balance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to cancel 6,017.21 for Reserve for Revaluation.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-234

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

**CANCEL UNEXPENDED BALANCES IN CURRENT FUND - (TAX
APPEALS)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona audit has reflected a liability for “Reserve for Tax Appeals”, and

WHEREAS, this amount has been unused in the audit for multiple years, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer would like to cancel this balance to fund balance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to cancel 95,121.46 for Reserve for Tax Appeals.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-235

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

CANCEL TAXES BLOCK 1001 LOT 66 TOTALLY EXEMPT VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector was notified from the Tax Assessor’s office that Block 1001 Lot 6, property known as 105 Grove Street, as of September 2, 2025 should be totally exempt due to the owner being a totally disabled veteran, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel a portion of the 3rd quarter billing and the balance of 2025 billing on Block 1001 lot 66.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-236

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman 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 exist.

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:

The Consent Agenda is moved by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda:

None.

Council Discussion on Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Resolutions L-1 to L-13 are approved by a vote of 5-0 and will be numbered 2025-223 through and including 235.

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

ORDINANCE No. 2025-17

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
383 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2024, the Township Council (“the “Township Council”) of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the “Township”) adopted Resolution 2024-075 declaring the entirety of Bloomfield Avenue Corridor, which includes the above referenced property, as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2025, the Township Council adopted Resolution 2025-049 declaring the above referenced block and lot as an Area in Need of Redevelopment (the “383 Bloomfield Avenue Redevelopment Area”); and

WHEREAS, more than 45 days have passed since said Resolution was adopted, and no actions have been filed challenging such action; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 provides for a procedure for the adoption of a redevelopment plan for all or a portion of a duly designated redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, Block No. 708, Lot 1 in the Township (the “Property”) is located within the 383 Bloomfield Avenue Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.a., provides that “No redevelopment project shall be undertaken or carried out except in accordance with a redevelopment plan adopted by ordinance of the municipal governing body, upon its finding that the specifically delineated project area is located in an area in need of redevelopment or in an area in need of rehabilitation, ...”; and sets forth statutory requirements for the contents of a Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council directed its planning consultant, H2M engineers and architects (the “Professional Planner”) to prepare a draft redevelopment plan concerning the 383 Bloomfield Avenue Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is desirous of enacting a redevelopment plan to guide the future use, development and redevelopment of Block 708, Lot 1, heretofore designated as an area in need of redevelopment with provisions to enable the construction of a mixed-use building with affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e), the Township Council shall refer the redevelopment plan to the Planning Board prior to final adoption of same; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board shall within 45 days after referral prepare a report containing its recommendation concerning the redevelopment plan, which report shall identify any inconsistencies with the Township Master Plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matters deemed appropriate by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.e , the Township Council shall review the report of the Planning Board and may approve or disapprove or change any recommendation by a vote of the full authorized membership and shall record in its minutes the reasons for not following the recommendations. .

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

SECTION 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

SECTION 2. The Redevelopment Plan, as filed in the Office of the Township Clerk and attached hereto as Exhibit A and by the reference made a part hereof is hereby approved and adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-12A-1 et. seq.

SECTION 3. The zoning district map in the zoning ordinance of the Township is hereby amended to include the Property per the boundaries described in the Redevelopment Plan and the provisions thereon.

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. A copy of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours.

SECTION 6. The Township Clerk shall publish notice of the Ordinance in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

Ordinance is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance M1 will be numbered 2025-17 and is passed by a vote of 5-0. It will be published according to law.

Public Comment:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Councilman Roman nominates Deputy Mayor McEvoy to serve on the Planning Board for the rest of the year in his place.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS: McGrath

ABSTAIN: Holland

Public Comment:

None.

No Executive Session.

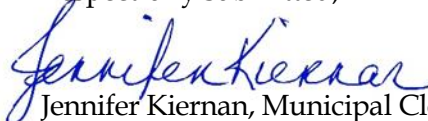
Adjournment:

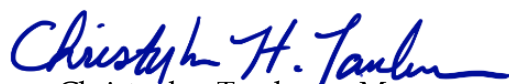
Motion to adjourn is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland. Vote: 5 ayes. The next meeting is October 20, 2025.

The meeting is adjourned at 10:04pm.

The next meeting is October 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: October 20, 2025