

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, September 8, 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 Kevin O'Sullivan, Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus, Township Attorney Brian Aloia, and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are present.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tamburro congratulates the Verona Unico for a fantastic Labor Day 5K event and comments that it was also great to see our legislative delegation there. He thanks the members of the Verona Community Garden who donated their produce to the terrace and the summer recreation staff and all others involved for providing a great summer to all of our pool patrons. He recognizes all summer interns and thanks them for all their meaningful work and expresses his well wishes for everyone's back to school journeys. The last summer concert of the season is this Wednesday at 7:00 pm, the 9/11 ceremony will be held on Thursday and the Women's Club Taste of Verona event will be held on Friday.

Essex County Liaison, Julius Coltre, reports on the Remembering 9/11 event, Fall Family Festival on September 21st, Road to Wellness Mobile Health Fair on September 28th and Senior Wellness on September 30th.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan reports on various updates of projects including the Fairview Avenue well, the Peckman River Bank Stabilization Project, Linden Avenue project, Town Hall updates, the roof replacement project and lastly the Everett Field project which is ongoing with construction.

The Verona Baseball/Softball League Fieldhouse Presentation is given.

Motion to approve Resolution E3a is moved by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman.

Public Comment:

None.

Resolution E3a will be numbered 208.

Peter Ten Kate from Boswell Engineering provides a Complete Streets update.

Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus provides various project updates including Town Hall improvements, Verona Community Center concrete work and Shade Tree Commission work. He lastly announces that there are two ordinances for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy thanks UNICO and all involved for a well-organized Labor Day race and for all parties who come out and keep Verona nice and clean. There is a concert tomorrow and Deputy Mayor McEvoy concludes by wishing Mayor Tamburro a happy birthday.

Councilman Roman limits his report to wishing Mayor Tamburro a happy birthday.

Councilwoman McGrath reports that the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee had a meeting at the end of August, the Shade Tree Committee has moved their meeting to Wednesday the 17th and the Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee are meeting on September 16th. She attended the UNICO 5K Fundraiser and thanks them for all their efforts. Lastly, the Verona Women's Club is having their Taste of Verona event on Friday.

Councilwoman Holland wishes everyone a happy back to school and congratulates UNICO on a very successful Labor Day 5K. She thanks all crossing guards and everyone that contributed to a safe and happy first day back to school and echoes all exciting townwide events coming up this week. Tomorrow night there is a Rec Committee meeting and she thanks the administration and committee chair for evaluating the situation.

Public Comment:

Elizabeth Hynes, Verona, New Jersey
Corey Schorr, Verona, New Jersey

Public Comment for Consent Agenda Items:

None.

RESOLUTION No. 2025-208

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

**ACCEPTING DONATION OF A FIELDHOUSE FROM EVERETT FIELD
FROM THE VERONA BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

For generations, Everett Field has been a legacy in Verona. Many of us have fond memories of playing in baseball or softball games or cheering from the sidelines throughout our childhoods still continue to this day.

WHEREAS, to restore its luster and elevate it to the standards the residents of Verona deserve, the Township of Verona is providing updates to Everett Field including an all-inclusive ADA compliant playground; and

WHEREAS, the Verona Baseball & Softball League (VBSL) is a non-profit organization operated by a dedicated group of volunteers whose mission is to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist the development of players skills, sportsmanship, accountability and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, the VBSL has raised funds to donate a field house facility which will include a concession stand, a storage and utility room, two (2) ADA compliant rest rooms and an announcement booth located on the second floor of the structure that will be located behind the backstop of the playing field; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29, municipalities are authorized to accept donations, bequests, legacies and gifts made to it and is empowered to utilize such bequests, legacies and gifts in the manner set forth in the conditions of the bequest, legacy or gift, and the fieldhouse is being donated to the Township without the expectation of remuneration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona hereby approves and accepts the donation of the field house for Everett Field.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township appreciates this donation from the Verona Baseball/Softball League and recognizes the contributions and the impact the organization has had on countless children in the Township of Verona.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-209

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; 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 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:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-210

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

**DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS NOTE
RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM
OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, TO BE ISSUED IN
THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5,000,000,
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE
NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP IN
FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL
PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK
CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Local Unit"), intends to undertake the improvements at the Fairview Avenue well, including but not limited to, PFAS remediation, and all work and costs ancillary and necessary therefor (collectively, the "Project"), and it is the desire of the Local Unit to obtain financing for such Project through participation in the New Jersey Water Bank of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank

(the “I-Bank”);

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined to temporarily finance the undertaking of the Project prior to the closing with respect to the New Jersey Water Bank, and to undertake such temporary financing with the proceeds of a short-term loan (or loans) to be made by the I-Bank (collectively the “Construction Loan”) to the Local Unit, pursuant to the Construction Financing Loan Program of the I-Bank (the “Construction Financing Loan Program”);

WHEREAS, in order to (i) evidence and secure the repayment obligation of the Local Unit to the I-Bank with respect to the Construction Loan and (ii) satisfy the requirements of the Construction Financing Loan Program, it is the desire of the Local Unit to issue and sell a short term note to the I-Bank in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$5,000,000 (the “Note”);

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Note to the I-Bank pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the “Local Bond Law”), and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2023, the Local Unit adopted a bond ordinance to finance the Project (the “Local Unit Bond Ordinance”) pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law;

WHEREAS, Section 28 of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9 allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law, the Infrastructure Trust Act and the Local Unit Bond Ordinance, the Local Unit hereby authorizes the issuance, sale and award of the Note in accordance with the provisions hereof. The obligation represented by the Note have been appropriated and authorized by the Local Unit Bond Ordinance, finally adopted by the Local Unit at a meeting duly called and held on October 16, 2024, at which time a quorum was present and acted throughout, all in accordance with the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

SECTION 2. The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the “Chief Financial Officer”) is hereby authorized to determine, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, (i) the final principal amount of the Note (subject to the maximum limitation set forth in Section 4(a) hereof), and (ii) the dated date of the Note.

SECTION 3. Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Note by the

parties authorized pursuant to Section 4(h) hereof.

SECTION 4. The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Note shall be as follows:

- (a) the aggregate principal amount of the Note to be issued shall be an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000;
- (b) the maturity of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (c) the interest rate of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (d) the purchase price for the Note shall be par;
- (e) the Note shall be subject to prepayment prior to its stated maturity in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note;
- (f) the Note shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered "CFP-2025-1", or other such denomination as may be requested by the I-Bank;
- (g) the Note shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owner thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
- (h) the Note shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Clerk; and
- (i) the Note may be issued in one or more series as may be deemed necessary by the I-Bank.

SECTION 5. The Note shall be substantially in the form required by the I-Bank, together with such additions, deletions and other modifications required by the I-Bank and agreed to by the Local Unit upon consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit, such determinations being conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Note by the Authorized Officers (as defined herein).

SECTION 6. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Note, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank for the Construction Loan Financing Program, to arrange for same.

SECTION 7. The Local Unit Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Local Unit Clerk (each an "Authorized Officer") of the Local Unit are each hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit and after further consultation with the I-Bank and its representatives, agents, counsel and advisors, to be executed in connection with the issuance and sale of the Note and the participation of the

Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 9. Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, David Zimmer, Executive Director of the I-Bank, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-211

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

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ORDER WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Township owns and operates a sewage treatment plant located at 10 Commerce Court, which serves customers from Verona, the Township of Cedar Grove, and the Borough of North Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Water Compliance and Enforcement has determined that Verona has violated the Permit controlling the handling of sewage, the WPCA, and the NJPDES regulations at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township has taken action to correct the violations; and

WHEREAS, in order to amicably resolve this matter without trial or adjudication, the Department and Verona have agreed to enter into the attached Administrative Consent Order and to be bound by its terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, the Township Manager recommends that the Administrative Consent Order be executed.

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 the attached Administrative Consent Order and to take all necessary action to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-212

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

**AWARDING CONTRACT No. 2025-05
BANK STABILIZATION ALONG THE PECKMAN RIVER**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona received bids for Bank Stabilization Along the Peckman River – Contract No. 2025-05 on August 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, ten (10) bids were received for Contract 2025-05; and

WHEREAS, CMS Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the Base Bid Amount of \$271,510; and

WHEREAS, the Consulting Engineer has reviewed and recommends the Contract award be made to CMS Construction, Inc., 521 North Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the contract for Contract No. 2025-05 be awarded to CMS Construction, Inc. in the total amount of \$271,510.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED \$271,510 shall be charged to Ordinance No. 2025-10A(o) or any account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee and shall be charged against and the availability of funds has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement or any other required documents 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. 2025-213

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NEW JERSEY FUTURE
FOR INCLUSIVE HEALTHY COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$250,000 from the State of New Jersey for the Inclusive Healthy Community Grant from the NJ Department of Human Services for Age-Inclusion Initiatives; and;

WHEREAS, New Jersey Future (NJF) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that promotes sensible and equitable growth, redevelopment, and infrastructure investments to foster healthy, strong, resilient communities; protect natural lands and waterways; increase

transportation choices beyond cars; provide access to safe, affordable, and aging-friendly neighborhoods; and fuel a strong economy for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona wishes acquire the services of NJF to complete an Inclusive Healthy Community Action Plan; and.

WHEREAS, the cost of this project shall not exceed the total amount of \$42,000 and shall be funded by the grant received by the NJDHS.

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

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 services requested shall not exceed \$42,000 and no services or materials shall be requested without a certification of funds.
3. 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. 2025-214

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

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH
BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
REHABILITATION OF SEWER LINES IN THE DERWENT AVENUE
EASEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need for engineering design services associated with the rehabilitation of the sewer line in the Derwent Avenue easement, and seeks to award an engineer contract as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and,

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

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering, Inc., with offices at 330 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey (hereinafter "Boswell") has submitted a proposal indicating the ability to perform said services at a cost not-to-exceed \$19,750.00; and,

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. C-51-44-997-010 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, Boswell has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Boswell Engineering 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 Boswell 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 Boswell Engineering for engineering services in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,750.00 subject to the following:

1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms to be drafted and approved by the Township Attorney.

2. The contract and any contract amendments 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 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.
4. The Township Clerk is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-215

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

AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH T&M ASSOCIATES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey established the bill known as A4/S50, signed into law by Governor Murphy on March 20, 2024, known as the Fourth Affordable Housing Round; and

WHEREAS, Bill A4/S50 established the rules and procedures for the creation and implementation of affordable housing plans for the Fourth Round;

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2024 the Township Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-185, Authorizing a Contract with DMR Architects appointing them as the Affordable Housing-Fair Share Element Planner for the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, Dan Hauben, PP, AICP, LEED Green Associate was previously employed by DMR Architects and authored the 4th Round Housing Element a Fair Share Plan is no longer with that firm and is now Group Manager of Planning at T&M Associates, 400 Broadacres Drive, Bloomfield, New Jersey be awarded a contract to continue to provide the Township with Affordable Housing Planning Services; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends awarding a contract to T&M Associates for Affordable Housing Planning Services in the not to exceed amount of \$5,000 to be paid at the rates included in T&M's August 11th proposal for a term expiring on December 31, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that T&M Associates is hereby awarded a contract for providing professional services as the Township's Affordable Housing Planner through December 31, 2025.

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. 2025-216

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

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH
BOSWELL ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE A WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT
PLAN FOR THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE TIER-A MUNICIPAL
STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has a need for the engineering services to provide a Watershed Improvement Plan, an upcoming requirement of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, for the Tier-A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, and seeks to award an engineer contract as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and,

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

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering, Inc., with offices at 330 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey (hereinafter “Boswell”) has submitted a proposal indicating the ability to perform said services at a cost not-to-exceed \$24,000; and,

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Budget Account No. C-51-44-997-013 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, Boswell has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Boswell Engineering 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 Boswell 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 Boswell Engineering for engineering services in an amount not-to-exceed \$24,000 subject to the following:

1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms to be drafted and approved by the Township Attorney.
2. The contract and any contract amendments 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 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.
4. The Township Clerk is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-217

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALL AMERICAN SEWER
SERVICE, INC.**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for replacement of the grease trap located under the 3-compartment sink and backfill, concrete and grading services 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. 5-05-55-502-389 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that All American Sewer Service, Inc., PO Box 605, Lodi, New Jersey 07664 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 All American Sewer Service is hereby awarded a contract for providing sewer services not to exceed \$44,000.00 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:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-218

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GARDEN STATE PAINTING & DESIGN CORP.

WHEREAS, the Police Department Headquarters located in the Municipal Building requires painting throughout the entire location; 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. C-53-46-040-045 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that Garden State Painting & Design Corp., 15 Midwood Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 be awarded a contract to provide painting services in the Police Department Headquarters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Garden State Painting & Design Corp. is hereby awarded a contract for providing painting services not to exceed \$18,700.00 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:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-219

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GRACIE & HARRIGAN
CONSULTING FORESTERS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona requires a community forestry management plan and street tree inventory; 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. C-53-46-040-038 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, a grant application is being submitted and if awarded, funds from the grant will cover the expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that Gracie & Harrigan Consulting Foresters, Inc., 210 Main Street, Gladstone, NJ 07934 be awarded a contract to assist in the creation of a community forestry management plan and a street tree inventory; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Gracie & Harrigan Consulting Foresters, Inc. is hereby awarded a contract for providing painting services not to exceed \$19,000 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:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-220

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; 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 27 Lakeview Place, Block 612, Lot 22, has requested a permit to remove two (2) Ash trees located on their property; and

WHEREAS, both trees have a diameter exceeding forty-nine (49) inches, said trees are defined as extraordinary trees in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the trees are infested with the Emerald Ash Borer and determined to be dead; 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 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. 2025-221

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

CANCEL TAXES BLOCK 1103 LOT 5 TOTALLY EXEMPT VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector was notified from the Tax Assessor's office that Block 1103 Lot 5, property known as 5 Ann 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 1103, lot 5.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-222

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

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE VERONA PLANNING BOARD, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND DMH2,
LLC**

WHEREAS, DMH2, LLC had previously sought and secured approvals for a mixed use residential and retail project on certain property located at 176-200 Bloomfield Avenue, otherwise known on the official tax maps of the Township as Block 202, Lots 1 and 23; and

WHEREAS, protracted litigation between the Planning Board of the Township of Verona, DMH2, LLC, and a number of objectors, the Appellate Division ultimately upheld those approvals in April of 2020.

WHEREAS, DMH2, LLC has subsequently asserted various claims against the Township of Verona Planning Board in separate litigation captioned DHM2, LLC v. Township of Verona Planning Board, Docket No. ESX-L-4124-22 (“Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, in an effort to resolve the remainder of the Litigation and any and all claims by and between the Planning Board, Township of Verona and DMH2, LLC have reached agreement as to the proposed development of the Property, allowing for the redevelopment of the Property with a 28-unit inclusionary multifamily development project and associated improvements (the “Project”), as more expressly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the attached settlement agreement and agrees with the terms and conditions contained therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance I1 will be numbered 2025-15 and a public hearing will be held at a future date.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

L1 through L7 and L9 through L13 will be numbered 210 through and including 221.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, Tamburro

NAYS:

L8 will be numbered 222 and it passes 4-0.

New Business:

Discussion – Ordinance Fixing the Salaries and Compensation of the Paid Officers and Employees of the Township for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 Calendar Years

1. Council Appointments **Unexpired Term Ending**

a. Environmental Commission

i. Kelly DiGeronimo Alternate #1 12/31/2026

Vote: 4-0, with Councilwoman McGrath abstaining.

b. Green Team

i. Rebecca Delgado Member 12/31/2025

ii. Casey Sisco Member 12/31/2025

Vote: 5-0

Public Comment:

None

Council enters into Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. and resumes the Pubic Meeting at 10:24.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath at 10:25 p.m.

The next meeting is October 6, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: October 20, 2025