

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, December 1, 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:

Proclamation – Verona Woman's Club – Share Your Light Night Proclamation

Essex County Liaison, Julius Coltre reports on the decorated Kip's Castle admission, Presbyterian Memorial Garden admission and Funeral home hours in Bloomfield.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan reports on various updates of projects including the Clarifier Pump Station project, Fairview Avenue Well, Everett Field and building facility needs. Various road project updates are also given and the BPU Meeting was mentioned. Lastly, RFPs are due December 9th.

Deputy Manager's Report:

Deputy Township Manager Michael Kraus briefly discusses Town Hall improvements, roof replacement work, open enrollment and that the natural climate solutions narrative is complete.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy attended the League of Municipalities but missed the Historic Preservation Meeting. He congratulates several officers for their years of service and dedication to the Township of Verona and the Clergy Council of Verona had their Interfaith Ceremony which was well attended.

Councilman Roman waives his report for this evening.

Councilwoman McGrath also attended the League of Municipalities where she thoroughly enjoyed the seminars provided. She attended the Interfaith Clergy's Thanksgiving service and thanks all of the faith leaders for their service to the community. She lastly conducted her annual holiday shopping on small business Saturday by attending various small town retail businesses and encourages others to shop local.

Councilwoman Holland begins by reminding all residents to utilize the winter termination program for utilities if needed. She acknowledges the food pantry at Holy Spirit for their assistance to families during the recent federal government shutdown and attended the Interfaith Thanksgiving service. She lastly recognizes that tomorrow is Giving Tuesday and encourages all able residents and families to contribute to that cause.

Public Comment:

Corey Schorr, Verona, New Jersey
Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey
Josh Jacobs, Verona, New Jersey
Trey Steinman, Verona, New Jersey
Monica Vincent, Verona, New Jersey

ORDINANCE No. 2025-20

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
OF \$325,000 FOR PRELIMINARY PLANNING EXPENSES AND
IMPROVEMENT OF EVERETT FIELD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF
VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$325,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

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

Public Comment:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance 2025-20 passes 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-21

**AMENDING CHAPTER 140 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED,
“VEHICLES & TRAFFIC” TO CREATE A NEW ARTICLE XV ENTITLED,
“TRAFFIC CONTROL AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER LOTS INCLUDING
THE PARKING LOTS OF LIBERTY AND FREEDOM FIELD
PARKING LOTS”**

A motion is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

Public Comment:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance 2025-21 passes 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22

**AMENDING CHAPTER 222, ARTICLE I ENTITLED “DISPLAY OF FLAGS”
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

A motion is made by Mayor Tamburro; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

Public Comment:

None.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance 2025-22 passes 5-0 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-23

**AMENDING CHAPTER 150 ZONING, ARTICLE XIII "NON-CONFORMING
USES AND STRUCTURES", SECTION 13.3 "EXTENSIONS,
ENLARGEMENTS OR CHANGES", PARAGRAPH (B)**

A motion is made by Mayor Tamburro; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance I-1 will be numbered 2025-23 and will be published according to law and will be sent to the Planning Board for determination of Consistency with the Master Plan.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-24

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

A motion is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Mayor Tamburro.

I-2 Amended.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS: Holland

Ordinance I-2 passes 4-1 and it will be numbered 2025-24 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on December 15th.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25

**AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, CHAPTER
A565, "FEES", A565-7 "VERONA COMMUNITY POOL; MEMBERSHIP AND
OTHER FEES". SECTION B., "MEMBERSHIP TYPES" TO ESTABLISH A
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY AND TO REVISE OTHER
CATEGORIES**

A motion is made by Mayor Tamburro; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS: Holland

Ordinance I-3 will be numbered 2025-25 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on December 15th.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-26

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

A motion is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Tamburro.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS: Holland

Ordinance I-4 will be numbered 2025-26 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on December 15th.

ORDINANCE # 2025-27

**FIXING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE
SEASONAL EMPLOYEES OF THE VERONA COMMUNITY POOL**

A motion is made by Mayor Tamburro; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance I-5 will be numbered 2025-27 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on December 15th.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-28

**AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, CHAPTER
A565, "FEES", § A565-7.1 "VERONA COMMUNITY POOL: EXEMPTION
FROM FEES", TO REQUIRE THE TOWNSHIP'S CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER TO ANNUALLY TRANSFER THE VALUE OF POOL
MEMBERSHIPS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM FEES UNDER THIS SECTION
FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POOL UTILITY**

A motion is made by Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

RECUSAL: McGrath, Tamburro

Ordinance I-6 will be numbered 2025-28 and passes 3-0 with 2 recusals and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on December 15th.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-29

AMENDING CHAPTER 501 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

A motion is made by Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance I-6 will be numbered 2025-29 and passes 5-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on December 15th.

ORDINANCE No. 2025-

**AMENDING CHAPTER 244 "FILMING" OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP TO COMPLY WITH NJ'S FILM READY REQUIREMENTS**

A motion is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy.

A motion to table is made by Mayor Tamburro; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS: Holland

Motion is tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-
AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, CHAPTER
A565-1 “SCHEDULE OF FEES” FOR FILMING FEES

A motion to table is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS: Holland

Motion is tabled.

RESOLUTION No. 2025-256

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

AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION
ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40a:40-1

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 for transfer purposes;

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

	TO:	FROM:
Recreation – Other Expenses	\$15,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance – Other Expenses	\$30,000.00	
Court – Other Expenses	\$20,000.00	
Electric and Gas	\$50,000.00	
Construction Code- Salary and Wages		\$30,000.00
Salary Adjustment		\$20,000.00
Gasoline		\$15,000.00
Solid Waste – Other Expenses		\$50,000.00
TOTALS	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-257

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

**APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #5 AND FINAL CONTRACT CLOSE-OUT
FOR CONTRACT No. 2023-07 LINN DRIVE WELL FACILITY PFAS AND
ARSENIC TREATMENT**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2024-015 awarded Contract 2023-07 – Linn Drive Well Facility PFAS and Arsenic Treatment to Sovereign Consulting, Inc. Robbinsville, New Jersey in the base bid amount of \$1,711,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Change Orders No. 1, 2 and 3 totaling an overall increase of \$85,557.44 were previously approved by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received Contract Change No. 4 to extend the contract time to September 23, 2025 with no change in project costs; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2025-247 was approved in an amount of \$1,796,557.44; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #5 finalizing contract quantities and value in an amount of -\$3,307.98 was received.

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. 5 be approved for a final contract amount of \$1,793,249.46.

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. 5 and Close-Out Contract No. 2023-07 on behalf of the Township.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-258

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

**TRANSFERRING THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE
FINANCIAL AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 25, 2025, BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AND D&R VERONA UNBAN RENEWAL
TO BLOOMFIELD 151 URBAN RENEWAL LLC**

WHEREAS, D&R Verona Urban Renewal, LLC and the Township of Verona are parties to a Financial Agreement entered under the LTTEL dated April 25, 2017 (the "Financial

Agreement") governing what is identified as Block 201, Lot 15.01 (formerly identified as Block 201, Lots 15, 16, 17, 18 and 52) on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Verona, (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.01 of the Financial Agreement and N.J.S.A. 40A:20-10(a), D&R Verona Urban Renewal, LLC is permitted to transfer the Project (as defined in the Financial Agreement) on the Property to another entity duly organized as a qualified urban renewal entity under the LTTEL so long as; (1) the Assignor does not own any other project subject to a long term tax exemption at the time of transfer, (2) the Assignor entity is formed and eligible to operate under the Law (as defined in the Financial Agreement), (3) the Assignor is not in default of the Financial Agreement or the Law, (4) the Assignee agrees to assume and abide by all terms and conditions of the Financial Agreement and applicable Redevelopment Agreement, and (5) the principal owners of the Assignee possess a reasonably satisfactory business reputation, financial qualifications and credit worthiness and are otherwise reputable in the reasonable judgment of the Township; and

WHEREAS, D&R Verona Urban Renewal, LLC has provided the Township with notice of its intent to transfer its rights and obligations under the Financial Agreement to BLOOMFIELD 151 URBAN RENEWAL LLC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.01 of the Financial Agreement and N.J.S.A. 40A:20-10(a), the Assignee has demonstrated it is a duly qualified urban renewal entity.

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 "ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF FINANCIAL AGREEMENT" and to take all necessary action to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-259

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR A
FEASIBILITY STUDY ON A PERMANENT WATER CONNECTION WITH THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR**

WHEREAS, the Township requires a feasibility study of a permanent interconnection with the Township of Montclair at the intersection of Claremont Avenue and Crestmont Road to provide the Township of Montclair with water during emergencies and improve system resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has determined the scope of work submitted by Boswell Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, which includes an engineering report for the design, maintenance and operation of the interconnection establishing the responsibilities for each municipality, and also outline the required steps in coordination with NJDEP; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall be charged to any 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, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Boswell Engineering be award a contract to perform a feasibility study for a permanent interconnection with the Township of Montclair.

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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-260

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR
SERVICES TO UPDATE THE 2021 POTABLE WATER ASSET
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE WATER UTILITY**

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for an engineering firm to update the 2021 Water System Asset Management Plan for the Township's Water Utility pursuant to the requirements of the New Jersey Water Quality Accountability Act (WQAA); and

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

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has the knowledge and expertise to complete the tasks required and has submitted a proposal for scope of services for this project in an amount not to exceed \$27,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall be charged to any 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, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby authorizes a contract be awarded to Boswell Engineering for the update of the Water System Asset Management Plan for the Township's Water Utility pursuant to the requirements of the New Jersey Water Quality Accountability Act (WQAA).

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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-261

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING WORK FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO LINDEN AVENUE**

WHEREAS, Linden Avenue is the subject of the Complete Streets Technical Assistance/Walkable Communities grant, received by the Township in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering created, incorporated and revised temporary project traffic calming designs for the project as the recommendation of the Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program, the Township’s Neighborhood Traffic Safety and Advisory Committee and the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, not anticipated in their original proposal, Boswell then incorporated the plans and bid documents, pay items and possible lead water service replacement and also interacted with the Verona Shade Tree Commission specifically to determine tree replacements and trimming locations suggested by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Boswell’s total cost for their design work, coordination work, construction inspections and project oversight will not exceed \$122,725; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall be charged to any 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, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Boswell Engineering be award a Professional Service contract for engineering work for the improvements to Linden Avenue.

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:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**

RESOLUTION No. 2025-262

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

**AUTHORIZING TITLE 39 MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UPON REAL
PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 2301, LOT 14.01 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNER**

WHEREAS, Verona LIHTC Urban Renewal, LLC (“LIHTC”), the owner of Block 2301, Lot 14.01 received minor subdivision, site plan and variance approval from the Planning Board of the

Township of Verona (the “Board”) to improve the property with a 100% affordable housing development known as the “Willows at Verona” (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, LIHTC received preliminary site plan, minor subdivision and variance approval by Resolution No. 2020-08 dated September 1, 2020, final site plan approval by Resolution No. 2021-06 dated December 14, 2021, and amended approval by Resolution No. 2023-02 dated February 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, condition No. M of Resolution No. 2020-08 and Resolution 2021-06 requires that LIHTC request Title 39 jurisdiction on the property to allow Township Police to enforce parking, speeding, and careless driving motor vehicle laws throughout the Project; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated November 3, 2025, LIHTC made a formal request that the Township adopt an ordinance evidencing that the Township of Verona and the Verona Police Department accept Title 39 jurisdiction on the Property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief and Township Manager have reviewed the request and opine that same should be granted in order to regulate traffic from the property.

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

1. The attached request of Verona LIHTC Urban Renewal to have motor vehicle laws made applicable to their property known located at Block 2301, Lot 14.01 is hereby approved by the Council and will take effect upon approval of the Commissioner of Transportation as authorized under N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-8.
2. Once approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, traffic regulations shall be recommended by the Township of Verona Police Department and considered for adoption by the municipal governing body by ordinance.
3. Traffic control signs shall then be installed and enforcement shall begin. All signs, posts, bolts or other necessary material shall be installed and paid for by of Verona LIHTC Urban Renewal. The work shall be inspected by the Township of Verona Police Department to ensure that the installation meets State and federal specifications.
4. All resolutions or portions thereof inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed.
5. Upon the adoption of this resolution, the Clerk is authorized to forward a duly-authenticated copy to the Commissioner of Transportation requesting approval.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-263

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR
PHASE II OF THE INFLOW AND INFILTRATION STUDY**

WHEREAS the Township Council approved Resolution No. 2024-107, authorizing a contract with Boswell Engineering in the amount of \$200,0000 upon the submission of Boswell’s submitted proposal for phases I and II to identify sources of extraneous flows experienced by the Township’s Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has completed phase I of the I/I study that conducted smoke testing of the sanitary system to identify illicit connections, including cross connections between storm and sanitary systems, connected roof and cellar drains, leaking manholes, yard and fountain drains and sump pumps; and,

WHEREAS, for phase II Boswell will develop an engineering report to incorporate all findings including the analysis performed, photos and locations of smoke encountered during

the investigation as well as site plans indicating the location of any recommended improvements and associated construction cost estimates; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to Bond Ordinance No. 2024-19 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, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Boswell Engineering, 330 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey 07606 is hereby awarded a contract for phase II of this project in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-264

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland 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 14 Winding Way, Block 605, Lot 25, has requested a permit to remove an Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter exceeding thirty-eight (38) 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 tree has a large amount of decay at the crown and is therefore 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 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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-265

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland 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 55 Brentwood Avenue, Block 1008, Lot 3, has requested a permit to remove a Black Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter exceeding forty-five (45) 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 tree's crown is declining as it is 50% dead and is therefore 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 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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-266

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland 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 88 Durrell Street, Block 1309, Lot 9.01, had requested a permit to remove a White Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter exceeding fifty-one (51) 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 he recommended the tree be removed immediately for extreme safety concerns as the stalk of the tree was largely decayed

and the roots had been removed on the neighbor’s side, causing the tree to be structurally compromised; 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 due to the forester’s concern, immediate removal of the tree was warranted.

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:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-267

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland 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 109 Oakridge Road, Block 2207, Lot 8, had requested a permit to remove an 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 he recommended the tree be removed immediately for extreme safety concerns as the stalk of the tree was largely decayed with conks growing up the stalk as well as leaning towards the home, causing an extremely hazardous condition; 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 due to the forester’s concern, immediate removal of the tree was warranted.

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:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-268

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

APPROVING VERONA COMMUNITY POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE 2026 POOL SEASON

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New approve the following rules for the 2026 Verona Community Pool season:

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

A. MEMBERSHIP AND ENTRANCE POLICIES

1. Membership in the Verona Community Pool is open to Verona residents and non-resident Township Employees. Up to 100 non-resident memberships will be sold in 2026. Members are allowed in the pool facility only during regular operating hours. All non-resident memberships will be "Family Memberships" consisting of up to two adults, children under 26 years of age and disabled dependents regardless of age that reside at the same residence.
2. Resident memberships may be purchased under a payment plan. Non-Resident memberships must be paid in full at the time of application and membership approval.
3. The first four weeks that non-resident memberships are available for purchase will be reserved for current pool member referrals. If the non-resident referral is a family member of a current pool member (i.e. child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law) the geographic limitation in the following rule does not apply.
4. Non-Resident memberships are available to individuals and families of Essex County Municipalities that are within 1.25 miles of a Verona border which includes Caldwell, North Caldwell, West Caldwell, Cedar Grove, Fairfield, Essex Fells, Roseland, Montclair, and West Orange.
5. While all non-resident memberships are "Family Memberships", non-resident memberships may be purchased by any individual, couple, or parent/child residing in an above-mentioned municipality or who is a family member of a current pool member. All non-resident memberships will be \$1,000 for the 2026 pool season.
6. No one is allowed in any pool or on pool grounds unless a lifeguard is on duty.
7. Members and guests must comply with the rules. Members are responsible for their guests. Guests must wear the wristband given to them when checking in at all times.
8. All members will be issued identification tags which must be shown at the front gate for admission to the pool.
9. Illegal transfer of badges, giving of false information or defacing of identification badges will result in revocation or suspension of membership without refund. False or misleading representation on the pool membership application will result in an automatic revocation of the pool membership.
10. Lost membership tags must be reported to the Front Office or Office of Community Services immediately.

11. The Caregiver badge can only be used when the Caregiver is with the member/s that require assistance.
12. Only adult members can purchase a guest pass.
13. All coolers are subject to inspection while on the pool grounds. No glass, glass containers or alcohol is permitted at the pool and will be confiscated.
14. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on pool property.
15. Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be removed from the pool facilities.
16. Smoking of any kind is not allowed on the pool grounds or in the pool parking lot.
17. Any member whose membership is suspended/revoked for violating Pool rules is not entitled to a refund. Any individual accessing the pool through the purchase of a day pass, guest pass, or other ticketed event that is removed from pool grounds is not entitled to a refund.

B. HYGIENE AND HEALTH SAFETY

18. There is a gender neutral/family restroom that is available to use at the pool. Parents & caregivers accompanying children over the age of 6, should utilize the family restroom.
19. Report any sign of a fecal accident to the manager immediately. Following a fecal accident in any pool, the pool will be cleared of swimmers for a minimum of 30 minutes. The chlorine residual will be immediately checked and adjusted appropriately. This is by recommendation of the Board of Health.
20. Diapers must be changed in the rest room area and disposed of in the container provided. Absolutely no changing of diapers on picnic tables.
21. According to N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4, all children in diapers must wear rubber pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands when entering pool or swim diapers.
22. All persons shall shower before entering the water.
23. Dressing and undressing is permitted only in the locker room; discretion must be used in the locker rooms when showering/dressing.
24. Board of Health Rules and Commission Rules prohibit urination on the pool grounds or in the pool water.
25. Any person having a communicable disease, open blisters, cuts, sore or inflamed eyes, ears, nose or mouth infections, excessive sunburn or any type of skin disease will be excluded from the pool area.

C. SUPERVISION

26. Use of diving board or slide may be revoked for safety by any staff member for any patron. Goggles cannot be worn on the slide or diving boards.
27. No horseplay of any kind in the pool or pool areas. No balls, toys, etc. permitted in the pool or on the deck/grass areas around the pools. Balls may be used only in the recreation area. The recreation area is defined as the volleyball court, basketball court, recreation tent area, and grass area beyond the volleyball court. Use on the pool deck is strictly prohibited.
28. There shall be no running or throwing of objects, except in the recreation area.
29. Unnecessary spouting of water, snapping of towels, roughness, or other conduct affecting the safety and comfort of others, shall not be permitted.
30. Following items are strictly enforced in the pool perimeter:
 - a. Other than assistive devices for people with disabilities, the riding of any type of bike, skateboard, e-scooter, or other manual, electric or motorized device of any kind is prohibited without written consent of the Pool Manager.
 - b. Walking of bicycles within the pool gates.

- c. Skateboarding is forbidden on pool grounds. All skateboards must be stowed near the bike rack.
 - d. Water pistols of any kind are prohibited.
31. No diving into the pool except from the diving boards. Jump feet first only off the 5 ft. wall.

D. AGE RESTRICTIONS

32. Only children up to the age of 7 will be permitted in the baby pool.
33. Parents are responsible for their children. An adult must accompany children 5 and under at all times while on pool grounds.
34. All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) to be admitted to the pool complex, however, children ages 12 and 13 may be permitted to enter the pool complex without an adult on a probationary basis. During this probationary period, children ages 12 & 13 must adhere to all pool rules and regulations. Failure to comply with pool rules will result in the following consequences:
- a. 1st Offense: Verbal Warning
 - b. 2nd Offense: Written Warning & Email Notification to Adult
 - c. 3rd Offense: Suspension of privileges for the remainder of the day, Phone Call to Adult, & Email to Adult
 - d. 4th Offense: Revocation of unsupervised pool privileges, Phone Call to Adult, & Email to Adult
 - e. 5th Offense: Suspension of Membership after meeting with member, Administration, Community Services and the Pool Manager.
- *This is a framework of disciplinary matters may progress, violations will be reviewed by Pool Management, Community Services and Administration to determine appropriate action.
35. Only the Verona Pool provided Life Vests are permitted in the pool. No other floatation devices are allowed at any time. Life vests may not be worn when using the waterslide or diving board.
36. No children under 18 years of age allowed in the main pool or on the main pool deck during the weekend "Adults Only" hour.

E. RESPECT OF OTHERS

37. Portable audio/video devices of all types must be used with earphones.
38. There shall be no littering allowed on pool grounds.
39. Destruction of or defacing of pool property will result in suspension or revocation of membership and expulsion from the pool grounds and reimbursement of the repair costs to the Township.

F. STRUCTURES, CHAIRS, AND POSSESSIONS

40. The pool staff are not responsible for valuables brought into the pool.
41. Chairs locked or placed on the fences on pool grounds are not the responsibility of the staff. The pool is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen chairs or items in the chair.
42. No loitering in the vicinity of Lifeguard stands, entrance ladders, stairs or ramp.
43. Pool patrons are not permitted to put up personal tents or umbrellas on pool property.
44. Patrons who occupy tables must be present on the pool premises. Belongings left on tables and chairs by members who are not on pool grounds will be removed and stored in the main pool building.
45. Tables for disabled persons are marked and are reserved for individuals with disabilities and their families or guests.

G. SAFETY

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

H. HOURS AND CLOSURES

50. Swimmers are required to clear the water 20 minutes prior to closing.
51. Family Nights are on Tuesdays from 3pm to 8pm between once the pool is open full time. Any Verona resident may enter the pool grounds for \$10 per person and must show photo identification with proof of Verona address to enter.
52. The pool grounds will close at 7:00 pm on Sundays between Memorial Day and June 20, 2026. The pool grounds will close at 6:00 pm on Labor Day.
53. Weather Closures- The Pool facility is equipped with a THOR GUARD Lightning detection system. It will sound a long horn when lightning is close. The pool facility will be closed then. ALL members must leave the facility at that time. The closing will be sent out through Community Pass. The Thor Guard will sound three short horns when the lightning has passed. If the poor weather passes before 4pm, the pool may reopen. That information will be sent out through Community Pass.
54. The Gazebo is available to rent in two- hour blocks with a maximum of four hours for any one day. Only Verona Pool members are eligible to rent the Gazebo. All food must be brought in separately or purchased from the snack bar. There is no cooking or grilling allowed at the Gazebo. Rental times start between Noon & 5pm Weekdays and 11am and 5pm on Saturdays & Sundays. All rentals are finished by 7pm every day. All Gazebo guests who are non-pool members must pay the guest fee to enter the pool grounds. There is a rain date fee available at the time of rental. Each two- hour rental is \$105. The rain date fee is \$50. (There is only one rain date fee per rental date.) All Gazebo fees are non-refundable. All pool rules must be followed. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests.
55. The Rec Tent is available to rent in two-hour blocks with a maximum rental time of four hours for any one day. Only Verona Pool members are eligible to rent the Rec Tent. All food must be brought in separately or purchased from the snack bar, there is no cooking or grilling allowed at the Rec Tent. The Rec Tent is available for rent on Saturdays and Sundays between 11:00am and 5:00pm. All rentals must end by 7:00pm. All Rec Tent Guests who are non-pool members must purchase a guest pass to enter the pool grounds. There is a rain date fee available at the time of each rental. Each two-hour rental is \$105 and the rain date fee is \$50. Only one rain date per rental may be purchased. All Rec Tent fees are non-refundable. All Pool Rules must be followed. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests.
56. Day Passes are available for purchase by Verona Residents only. Purchasing Day Passes are limited to three times. They can only be purchased Monday to Friday. They are not available on weekends, Memorial Day, July 4th or Labor Day. In the instances that the pool is closed due to poor weather conditions, no refund will be issued for Day Passes.
57. Private swim lessons by a VCP lifeguard are available to purchase. Lessons are scheduled directly through the lifeguard and must be paid for at the front office of the pool. Lessons must not take place before the pool opens fully.

58. Splash Pad & Baby Pool Early Access is open to Pool Member Parents/Guardians/Caregivers with children 7 years of age and younger every day after the Pool opens full time on June 19th. Early access is only for the Splash Pad & Baby Pool area. There is no access during this time to the main pool, slides or any attractions. Access to the Splash Pad & Baby Pool is through the Main Gate.

POOL HOURS for the 2026 PRE-SEASON

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

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

Saturday and Sunday.....11:00am to 8:00pm

Monday May 25th - Memorial Day.....11:00am to 7:00pm

Remaining Pre-Season - Saturday & Sunday Hours (May 30 & 31, June 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th)

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

Pre-Season Saturdays (May 30, June 6th & 13th).....11:00am to 8:00pm

Pre-Season Sundays (May 31, June 7th & 14th).....11:00am to 7:00pm

POOL OPENS FULL TIME SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

HOURS of OPERATION for the 2026 POOL SEASON

Monday through Friday (SPLASH PAD ONLY).....10:00am to Noon

Monday through Friday.....Noon to 8:00pm

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

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

RECREATION TENT HOURS - BEGINNING ON JUNE 22, 2026

Monday through Friday from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

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

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

Verona Community Pool, 287 Fairview Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Council of the Township of Verona hereby approves the 2026 Community Pool Season rules and authorize the Director of Community Services to establish and enforce these rules as deemed necessary.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-269

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC

WHEREAS, there is a need for firefighter protective clothing and equipment, turnout gear, helmets, protective hoods, boots, gloves and other apparatus; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to acquire such materials 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 NJ State Contract 17-FLEET-00811-Fire Dex, 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. G-60-41-724-331/5-01-25-255-081 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 Firefighter One, LLC, Sparta, New Jersey is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of firefighter protective clothing, gear, equipment, etc. in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.

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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-270

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HD SUPPLY FACILITIES
MAINTENANCE, LTD., DBA USA-BLUEBOOK**

WHEREAS, various supplies including maintenance, repair, plumbing and hardware for the Township's water system were required; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to acquire such materials 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 Omnia contract #16154, 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. 5-05-55-502-076 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 HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd, dba USABluebook, Secaucus, New Jersey is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase materials for the Township's water system in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-271

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TILCON NEW YORK, INC.

WHEREAS, paving the parking lot at the Community Center was needed; and

WHEREAS, there was 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 2025 Morris County Co-Op 6MOCCP, Contract #6, 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-53-46-040-042 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.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Tilcon New York, Inc, Parsippany, New Jersey is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase materials for paving the Community Center Parking Lot in an amount not to exceed \$144,000.

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:

ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-272

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland 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 NJ DOT-NHTSA
DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN 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 \$7,000 from the United States Department of Transportation/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the form of the 2025 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Holiday Crackdown 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 \$7,000 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:
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Holiday Crackdown Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2023 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$7,000 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Holiday Crackdown 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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-273

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland 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 NATIONAL OPIOID
SETTLEMENT 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 \$64.93 from the State of New Jersey in the form of the National Opioid Settlement 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 \$64.93 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:
National Opioid Settlement 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 \$64.93 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from “CAPS”
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
National Opioid Settlement 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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-274

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

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE FY2025 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 GREEN COMMUNITIES
GRANT**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that The Director of the Division of Local Government Services 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 a Green Communities grant in the amount of \$19,000 from the NJ Urban and Community forestry Program and wishes to amend its 2025 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$19,000 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:
Green Communities Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$3,000 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A)Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Green Communities Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with The Director of Local Government Services for approval.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-275

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

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$19,000 TO PREPARE AN UPDATED TREE INVENTORY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has received a Green Communities grant in the amount of \$19,000 from the New Jersey Urban and Community Forestry Program to prepare an updated tree inventory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the Township Manager, or their successor is authorized to execute an agreement to accept this grant and approves the requirement of a 25% of the grant in a cash-match amount of \$4,750.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-276

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

**CANCELLING UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES UNDER
CERTAIN BOND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP OF VERONA FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000.00**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey previously adopted Bond Ordinances for the purpose of funding various capital projects and improvements of the Township as more fully specified in the Bond Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, the projects have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township now desires to cancel such appropriations and transfer the funded balances to their respective fund surplus;

ORDINANCE	ORDINANCE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO BE CANCELLED
Water/Sewer Capital		
2023-41	Improvement Linn Dr. Well	\$2,000,000.00
		\$2,000,000.00

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-277

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

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA TO CANCEL OLD
OUTSTANDING CHECKS AND RECONCILING ITEMS**

WHEREAS, certain checks have been identified in the Court General / Court Bail Account by the Chief Financial Officer as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, it is a normal financial practice to review the bank accounts for old outstanding items for cancellation with the balances to be returned to the Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said checks so that the unnecessary balances may be returned to the fund balance of the respective funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the following old outstanding checks, be cancelled;

<u>Date of Check Issue</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/9/2025	1132	\$10.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of the resolution are to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and that a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Municipal Clerk to each of the following:

- 1. Chief Financial Officer
- 2. Municipal Auditor

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-278

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING REVOLUTION-NJ

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey’s pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation’s past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State, and Township; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Verona Township Council commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.
2. The Verona Township Council authorizes the Township Manager and Municipal Clerk to create a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. The Verona Township Council further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-279

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; 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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Motion to move L-1 through L5, L-7 through L-23, L-25 and L-26 made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

Public Comment On Consent Agenda:

Corey Schorr, Verona, New Jersey

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

L-1 through L-5, L7 through L-23, L-25 and L-26 will be numbered L-256 through L-260, L-261 through L-277, L-278 and L-279.

RESOLUTION No. 2025-280

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

OPPOSING NEW JERSEY SENATE No. S-4736 OF THE 221ST LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, municipalities are required to establish a Municipal Master Plan with a combination of mandatory and optional elements including Goals and Objectives, Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Community Facilities, Downtown Economic Development, Historic Preservation, and Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are also required to reexamine the Municipal Master Plan every 10 years to ensure that the master plan meets the community needs and is relevant as communities, evolve, grow, and change; and

WHEREAS, municipalities complete this effort at great cost and community input to ensure their community has a roadmap for growth; and

WHEREAS, a municipality is best suited to plan for and understand their community's needs, the existing infrastructure to address the municipality's public safety, health, traffic, and character and the ability to expand such infrastructure for desired growth; and

WHEREAS, there are many mechanisms for exceptions and variances to the local planning process; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have been diligently working to comply with the changes outlined in the passage of A-4/S-50 in 2024 that made substantial changes to the 4th Round of Affordable Housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing construction has generally comprised between 10 – 20 % of a total development, but municipalities will end up constructing far more units during this current round of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, recent legislative proposals that preempt the planning process by permitting the conversion of underutilized properties into mixed used developments, reducing the number of parking spaces required for new developments near transit, making Accessory Dwelling Units permissible, and most recently, legislation that enhances the ability of religious and nonprofit organizations to convert certain property to inclusionary developments with affordable housing undermine the careful planning process outlined in the Municipal Land Use Law; and

WHEREAS, this proposal, S-4736 is particularly egregious because the required percentage of affordable housing units is only 20% with the remaining 80% at market rate making it more challenging for municipalities to meet their 4th Round Affordable Housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, this legislation bypasses local planning for increased density and height, regardless of a municipality's ability to ensure safety; and

WHEREAS, a worthy project could, and should participate in the local planning and zoning process to engage with the public; and

WHEREAS, S-4736 permits the bypassing of the local planning process which is an egregious assault on municipal autonomy and local decision making.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona urges the legislature to defeat S-4736 and similar legislation that denies local autonomy in land use planning and ignores the well thought out master plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Senator Corrado, Assemblymember Al Barlas, Assemblymember Christopher DePhillips, Governor Phil Murphy, Governor-Elect Mikie Sherrill, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

L-24 as amended passes 5-0 It will be numbered 2025-280.

New Business:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-281

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

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A CERTAIN FINANCIAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AND D&R VERONA URBAN
RENEWAL LLC TO BLOOMFIELD 151 URBAN RENEWAL LLC AND
AUTHORIZING THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AN ASSIGNMENT AND
ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Resolution will be numbered 2025-281.

Public Comment:

Corey Schor, Verona, New Jersey


Council enters into Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. Council re-enters Public Session at 10:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy at 10:17 p.m.

The next meeting is December 15, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk


Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: December 15, 2025