

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, February 23, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing as NJ is under a State of Emergency resulting from weather conditions.

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 begins by announcing that the Planning Board had a special meeting regarding affordable housing items and resolutions from past actions and that they have a regular meeting this Thursday. He congratulates the fifth-grade girls suburban basketball champions and he had an opportunity to be interviewed by a member of the Millburn Charter Commission about our system of government. He lastly thanks all involved Verona Township employed parties as well as Verona residents for assisting and participating in getting the town cleaned out of the recent snow storm.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Kevin O'Sullivan provides an update on multiple town wide projects including the drinking system, Fairview Avenue well project, the Claridge Drive pump station and a number of storm water items. Various road projects and community services project updates as well as county updates are also given. Furthermore, in the coming weeks, we will start to kick off the inclusive healthy community's efforts with the goal of making Verona a more inclusive healthy community.

Township Planner San Chavan of H2M, Township Affordable Housing Planner Dan Hauben of T&M Associates and Township Affordable Housing Attorney Jaime Placek of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP are present to discuss the next steps the Council must take to comply with Fourth Round Affordable Housing.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-05

**ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
420 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA (BLOCK 701, LOT 3)**

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title. A motion to move the ordinance is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance 2026-05 is introduced with a vote of 5-0. The Municipal Clerk will send the ordinance to the Planning Board for consistency review with the Master Plan.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-06

**ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 885 BLOOMFIELD
AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA (BLOCK 2205, LOT 6)**

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title. A motion to move the ordinance is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSTAIN (RECUSAL): Holland

Ordinance 2026-06 is introduced with a vote of 4-0 with one recusal. The Municipal Clerk will send the ordinance to the Planning Board for consistency review with the Master Plan.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-07

**AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE STANDARDS OF THE TOWN
CENTER MIXED-USE ("TCMU") ZONE DISTRICT IN CHAPTER 150
"ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP VERONA**

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title. A motion to move the ordinance is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance 2026-07 is introduced with a vote of 5-0. The Municipal Clerk will send the ordinance to the Planning Board for consistency review with the Master Plan.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-08

**REPEALING ARTICLE XIX AND XXI OF CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING WITH A NEW
ARTICLE XIX-AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
ARTICLE XXI-DEVELOPMENT FEES**

The Municipal Clerk reads the ordinance by title. A motion to move the ordinance is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance 2026-08 is introduced with a vote of 5-0. The Municipal Clerk will send the ordinance to the Planning Board for consistency review with the Master Plan.

Continuing with the Manager's Report, Mr. O'Sullivan invites Library Director Claudine Pascale to the lectern. Ms. Pascale presents the library's strategic plan and 2026 budget.

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Muscara is present to discuss the 2026 municipal budget and present budget requests for the following: administration, municipal clerk, planning/zoning boards, court, finance, communications, civic affairs, executive, tax assessor and legal.

Deputy Manager Michael Kraus forgoes his report given the lengthy agenda.

Public Comment:

Fred Goode, Verona, New Jersey

Kevin Ryan, Verona, New Jersey

Sara Drappi, Verona, New Jersey

ORDINANCE No. 2026-03

**ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
176-200 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE
(BLOCK 202, LOTS 1 AND 23) REHABILITATION AREA**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance I-1 by title into the record.

Motion to move the Ordinance is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Mayor Tamburro.

Deputy Mayor McEvoy recuses himself from voting on this ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSTAIN (RECUSE): McEvoy

Ordinance No. I-1 will be numbered 2026-03 and will be sent to the Planning Board for consistency review.

ORDINANCE #2026-04

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE STANDARDS OF THE TOWN CENTER ZONE DISTRICT IN CHAPTER 150 "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP VERONA

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance I-2 by title into the record.

Motion to move the Ordinance is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Mayor Tamburro.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

Ordinance No. I-2 will be numbered 2026-04, is introduced 5-0 and will be sent to the Planning Board for consistency review.

RESOLUTION No. 2026-028

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA DESIGNATING AND DECLARING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 420 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 701, LOT 3 BE DECLARED A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Redevelopment Law"), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of redevelopment or as areas in need of rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2025-294, the Township Council (the "**Township Council**") of the Township of Verona (the "**Township**") authorized and directed the Planning Board of the Township of Verona (the "**Planning Board**") to conduct a preliminary investigation of the property identified as 420 Bloomfield Avenue, Block 701, Lot 3 on the tax map of the Township (the "**Study Area**") to determine whether all or a portion of the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment without condemnation powers ("**Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area**"); and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, a study was performed by Sanyogita Chavan, AICP, PP of H2M Associates, the Planning Board's Professional Planner (the "**Planner**") to determine whether the Study Area should be designated an area in need of redevelopment; and,

WHEREAS, the Planner conducted an investigation and prepared a report with a map of the Study Area depicting the proposed redevelopment area and the location of the parcel under consideration which included a statement of the basis for the investigation and other information, in a report entitled "Township of Verona, 420 Bloomfield Avenue, Area in Need of Redevelopment Preliminary Investigation Report", dated January 2, 2026 (the "**Study**"), memorializing findings and recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the Study concluded that the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(d) and 5(h), including but not limited to dilapidation, obsolescence and the

designation is consistent with smart growth principles to be designated as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area under the Redevelopment Law; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, the Planning Board held a duly noticed public hearing concerning the Study ("**Public Hearing**") and gave an opportunity to be heard to all persons interested in or affected by a determination that the Study Area is a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area; and,

WHEREAS, at the Public Hearing the Planning Board reviewed the findings of the Planner set forth in the Study, heard expert testimony from the Planner (Sanyogita Chavan, AICP, PP) concerning the potential designation of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment using the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, and opened the Public Hearing to members of the public for comment and to present their own evidence and/or to address questions to the Planning Board and its representatives concerning the potential designation of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment with no member of the public appearing; and,

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026, based on its review of the Study and the testimony presented at the Public Hearing, the Planning Board voted to recommend to the Council that the Study Area be designated a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment (the "**Planning Board Recommendation**"), accepting and adopting the recommendations contained in the Study, and recommending that the Study Area be declared a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area for the reasons set forth therein; and,

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of the Study, the Planning Board Recommendation, and all of the relevant facts and circumstances concerning this matter, the Township of Verona seeks to designate the Study Area as a non-condensation area in need of redevelopment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona as follows:

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

SECTION 2. Based upon the evidence and the recommendation of the Planning Board, the property in the Study Area satisfies the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(d) and 5(h), and such property is hereby designated as an area in need of redevelopment without condemnation powers.

SECTION 3. In connection with the redevelopment of the Study Area, the Township shall be authorized to use all the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, other than the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 4. The Township Council hereby directs the Township Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution forthwith to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs for review pursuant to Section 6(b)(5)(c) of the Redevelopment Law.

SECTION 5. The Township Council hereby directs the Township Clerk to serve, within ten (10) days hereof, a copy of this Resolution upon (i) all record owners of property located within the Study Area, as reflected on the tax assessor's records, and (ii) each person who filed a written objection prior to the Public Hearing, service to be in the manner provided by Section 6(b)(5)(d) of the Redevelopment Law.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

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

Public Comment:

None.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy also congratulates the fifth-grade girls basketball team for winning the championship.

Councilman Roman expresses his gratitude for all township departments for their efforts and hard work in making sure the town is in good condition after the recent snow storm.

Councilwoman McGrath echoes a thank you to all the staff for their efforts in the last 24 plus hours and for all storms this winter. She also represented Verona in the county executives Black

History month celebration in which the full presentation can be viewed on the county executive's social media page.

Councilwoman Holland also echoes a thank you to all parties involved in the recent snow removal. She lastly reminds all residents to utilize the winter termination program which continues until March 15th for utilities if needed.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-09

**AMENDING CHAPTER A565 - FEES OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE,
SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS A565-1 SCHEDULE OF FEES,
A565-3 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND OTHER FEES AND A565-6 UNIFORM AND
CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES**

The Municipal Clerk reads the Ordinance by title into the record.

Motion to move the Ordinance is made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Mayor Tamburro.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

The Ordinance 2026-09 passes 5-0 and will be published according to law. A public hearing will be held on March 9, 2026.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-10

**AMENDING CHAPTER 150 "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP
SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE XVI, "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT"
SECTIONS 16.1 - 16.8**

The Municipal Clerk reads the Ordinance by title into the record.

Motion to move the Ordinance is made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

The Ordinance 2026-10 passes 5-0 and will be sent to the Planning Board to determine if it is consistent with the Master Plan.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-11

**AMENDING CHAPTER 390 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ARTICLE II
LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR
RENTAL DWELLINGS, SPECIFICALLY PARAGRAPH 5-G**

The Municipal Clerk reads the Ordinance by title into the record.

Motion to move the Ordinance is made by mayor Tamburro; seconded by Councilman Roman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

The Ordinance 2026-11 passes 5-0 and will be published according to law. A public hearing will be held on March 9, 2026.

Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-049

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

**AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION
ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-59**

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2025 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-59 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; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-59 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 2025 Municipal Budget as follows:

	TO:	FROM:
Legal- Other Expenses	\$22,000.00	
Administration - Salary and Wages		\$5,000.00
Clerk - Salary and Wages		\$5,000.00
Assessor - Salary and Wages		\$6,000.00
Planning Board - Salary and Wages		\$5,000.00
Engineer - Other Expenses		\$1,000.00
TOTAL:	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-050

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

**PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN
THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS
AGGREGATING NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
FOR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the general improvement bonds (the "Bonds") of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Township heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,000,000 for sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the New Jersey Water Bank.

SECTION 2. The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each bond ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

Principal Amount of Bonds	Bond Ordinance Number	Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Bond Ordinance	Useful Life
\$4,000,000	2023-41	Improvements at the Linn Drive well, finally adopted October 20, 2023.	40 years
\$500,000	2023-32	Preliminary investigation, design and engineering services related to improvements at the Fairview Avenue and Linn Drive wells, finally adopted July 28, 2023.	15 years
\$500,000	2021-24	Preliminary investigation, design and engineering services related to improvements at the Fairview Avenue and Linn Drive wells, finally adopted September 7, 2021.	15 years

SECTION 3. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

- a. The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 35 years.
- b. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "General Improvement Bonds" or any such other designation as may be required by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.
- c. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and the issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and, accordingly, may be sold with other issues of bonds.

SECTION 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- a. None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof has been sold or issued heretofore, and the bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof have not been rescinded and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2 hereof.

- b. The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-051

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

**ACCEPTING A GRANT FUNDED STORM WATER MANAGEMENT
STUDY FROM NJIT AS LEAD AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Center for Natural Resources at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) will study engineering and hydrology in the Township of Verona with the goal of designing a flood mitigation, stormwater drainage improvement and other recommendations which would benefit the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management has provided a grant for this program with NJIT as the lead agency; and

WHEREAS, engineers at NJIT will be assigned to this project along with engineering students studying for their PhD; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer will be designated as the point of contact for this program; and

WHEREAS, the project is for approximately 24-month period; and

WHEREAS, NJIT wishes to begin the project on or about December 1st 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Verona thanks NJIT for pursuing the work funded by the State Office of Emergency Management that will directly benefit the Township of Verona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that personnel from Township of Verona will provide assistance to NJIT in forms of general and non-confidential information.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineer shall be the designated the contact for the Township and the Township Manager is authorized to sign an agreement with NJIT in a form approved by the Township Attorney.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-052

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

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
COUGAR AQUATIC SWIM TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona wishes to enter into an agreement with the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team to provide for use of the Verona Community Pool facilities to conduct their summer practices; and

WHEREAS, the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team shall have the right to enter upon and use the Pool for practice sessions during the term commencing Monday, June 22, 2026 and ceasing on Thursday, July 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team may use the Pool facility Monday to Friday, 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team agrees to keep and maintain a daily log of all personnel who appear on the grounds and/or around the Pool areas under the terms of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona shall be paid directly by the Cougars for the use of the Community Pool facilities and staff in the sum of \$15,500.

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 Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement with the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team for use of the pool facility, a copy of which is attached hereto and 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. 2026-053

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

WHEREAS, there exists a need to renew the software maintenance for the Edmunds System; and

WHEREAS, services such as support and/or maintenance of proprietary hardware and software may be awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd)*; and

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

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to Budget Accounts 6-01-20-145-122 and 6-05-55-502-368 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Edmunds & Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Edmunds & Associates 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 Edmunds & Associates 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, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that Edmunds & Associates, Inc., 301A Tilton Road,

Northfield, NJ 08225 is hereby awarded a contract for the software maintenance for the Edmunds software system not to exceed \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into 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. 2026-054

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged to account 6-05-55-502-028 and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby authorizes contracts with Lyons Environmental Services, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$65,000 in the calendar year without further authorization of the Township Council.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-055

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

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SC CLEANING SERVICES LLC

WHEREAS, the Police Department is in need of cleaning services; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to acquire such services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township has solicited the services SC Cleaning Services LLC, 68 New Street, Belleville, NJ 07109 to provide these services for the Township; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure shall be charged in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to Budget Account 6-01-25-240-244 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee, and the availability of funds have been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, SC Cleaning Services LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that SC Cleaning Services LLC 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 SC Cleaning Services LLC 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, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that SC Cleaning Services LLC is hereby awarded a contract for cleaning services for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into 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. 2026-056

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

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AUTHORIZING THE
SUBMISSION OF A SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Township of Verona strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, Township of Verona is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has determined that the Township of Verona should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2026-057

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

APPOINTMENT OF CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, New Jersey Clean Communities is a statewide, comprehensive, litter-abatement program created by the passage of the Clean Communities Act in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides a funding source for the program by placing a tax on fifteen categories of businesses that may produce litter-generating products; and

WHEREAS, The Clean Communities Program Fund generates about \$20 million each year, 80% of which is disbursed to participating New Jersey municipalities; and

