

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-021

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

**AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF DISCRETIONARY AND OPEN
CONTRACTS FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR OF THE SHARED
MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE BOROUGHS OF ESSEX FELLS AND NORTH
CALDWELL AND THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

WHEREAS, the Township entered into a shared services agreement for Municipal Court services with the Boroughs of Essex Fells and North Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for professional municipal prosecutor services for the Shared Municipal Court of the Boroughs of North Caldwell and Essex Fells and the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.8, the firm of Friend & Wenzel, LLC of Clifton, NJ has provided to the Borough written certification that it has not made a campaign contribution that would bar the award of a Contract to it by the Borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 (New Jersey Local Pay-to-Play) and said proposed Contract prohibit the making of contributions in violation of said statute during the term of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the New Jersey Local Pay-to-Play Law and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (1) of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, the Borough may enter into said Professional Service Agreement without public bidding under these circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose.

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

1. The Township and other officials of the Borough of North Caldwell are hereby directed and authorized to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Friend & Wenzel, LLC of Clifton, NJ for professional municipal prosecutor services for the Municipal Court of the Boroughs of North Caldwell and Essex Fells and the Township of Verona.
2. The Township Manager and Municipal Clerk are hereby directed and authorized to take any and all necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the subject and intent of this Resolution.
3. Notice of the award of the within Contract shall be published in accordance with law.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law, if required.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
VERONA AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2026.**

Jennifer Kiernan
JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

