

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-045

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

**DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$9,938,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, CONSISTING OF \$6,333,000 GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT BONDS, \$1,618,000 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY
BONDS AND \$1,987,000 POOL UTILITY BONDS, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING
FOR THEIR SALE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex, New Jersey, (with not less than a majority of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The \$6,333,000 General Improvement Bonds of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") referred to and described in the resolution adopted by the Township Council pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey on February 9, 2026 and entitled, "Resolution 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 \$6,333,000 in Principal Amount" shall be issued as "General Improvement Bonds" (the "General Improvement Bonds"). The General Improvement Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on January 15 in each of the years follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2027	\$158,000	2038	\$315,000
2028	\$180,000	2039	\$315,000
2029	\$160,000	2040	\$315,000
2030	\$270,000	2041	\$315,000
2031	\$280,000	2042	\$315,000
2032	\$285,000	2043	\$315,000
2033	\$295,000	2044	\$315,000
2034	\$300,000	2045	\$315,000
2035	\$310,000	2046	\$315,000
2036	\$315,000	2047	\$315,000
2037	\$315,000	2048	\$315,000

*Subject to change as set forth in the Full Notice of Sale attached hereto

The General Improvement Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein. The General Improvement Bonds shall be twenty-two in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered GI-1 to GI-22, inclusive.

SECTION 2. The \$1,618,000 Water and Sewer Utility Bonds of the Township referred to and described in the resolution adopted by the Township Council pursuant to the Local Bond

Law of the State of New Jersey on February 9, 2026 and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Water and Sewer Utility Bonds of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$1,618,000 in Principal Amount" shall be issued as "Water and Sewer Utility Bonds" (the "Water and Sewer Utility Bonds"). The Water and Sewer Utility Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on January 15 in each of the years follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2027	\$38,000	2040	\$65,000
2028	\$40,000	2041	\$65,000
2029	\$40,000	2042	\$70,000
2030	\$50,000	2043	\$75,000
2031	\$50,000	2044	\$75,000
2032	\$50,000	2045	\$75,000
2033	\$50,000	2046	\$75,000
2034	\$55,000	2047	\$75,000
2035	\$55,000	2048	\$75,000
2036	\$55,000	2049	\$75,000
2037	\$60,000	2050	\$75,000
2038	\$60,000	2051	\$75,000
2039	\$65,000	2052	\$75,000

*Subject to change as set forth in the Full Notice of Sale attached hereto

The Water and Sewer Utility Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein. The Water and Sewer Utility Bonds shall be twenty-six in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered WSU-1 to WSU-26, inclusive.

SECTION 3. The \$1,987,000 Pool Utility Bonds of the Township referred to and described in the resolution adopted by the Township Council pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey on February 9, 2026 and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Pool Utility Bonds of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$1,987,000 in Principal Amount" shall be issued as "Pool Utility Bonds" (the "Pool Utility Bonds"). The Pool Utility Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on January 15 in each of the years follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2027	\$82,000	2035	\$135,000
2028	\$115,000	2036	\$140,000
2029	\$115,000	2037	\$145,000
2030	\$120,000	2038	\$150,000
2031	\$120,000	2039	\$155,000
2032	\$125,000	2040	\$160,000
2033	\$130,000	2041	\$160,000
2034	\$135,000		

*Subject to change as set forth in the Full Notice of Sale attached hereto

The Pool Utility Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities in

accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein. The Pool Utility Bonds shall be fifteen in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered PU-1 to PU-15, inclusive.

SECTION 4. The General Improvement Bonds, the Water and Sewer Utility Bonds, and the Pool Utility Bonds collectively are sometimes referred to hereinafter as the "Bonds."

SECTION 5. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). The certificates will be on deposit with The Depository Trust Company. The Depository Trust Company will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (except that Bonds maturing in any year in an amount that is not a multiple of \$5,000 may be made in a principal amount that is a multiple of \$1,000), through book-entries made on the books and records of The Depository Trust Company and its participants.

The Bonds will bear interest payable semiannually on the fifteenth day January and July in each year until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on January 15, 2027, at a rate or rates per annum, expressed in a multiple of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1% and proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein.

The principal of and the interest on the Bonds will be paid to the securities depository by the Township or a duly authorized paying agent on the respective maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the respective maturity dates and due dates to the participants of The Depository Trust Company as listed on the records of The Depository Trust Company as of each next preceding January 1 and July 1 (the "Record Dates" for the Bonds). The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor of the Township under the official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Clerk of the Township. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the Bonds:

Date of Bonds: Date of Delivery

Interest Payment

Dates: Each January 15 and July 15 until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on January 15, 2027

SECTION 6. The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to deliver and to market the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of The Depository Trust Company and the final terms of sale:

**SAMPLE BOND FORM FOR INFORMATION
ONLY - DO NOT COMPLETE OR SIGN**

REGISTERED
NUMBER A-__

REGISTERED
\$_____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX

B. _____ BOND

DATED DATE:	MATURITY DATE:	RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM:	CUSIP:
__/__/2026	01/15/20__	_____ %	_____

The TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to CEDE & CO., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, which will act as Securities Depository, on the Maturity Date specified above, the principal sum of _____ DOLLARS (\$_____), and to pay interest on such sum from the Dated Date of this bond at the Rate of Interest Per Annum specified above semiannually on the fifteenth day of January and July in each year until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on January 15, 2027. Interest on this bond will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Township or a duly appointed paying agent and will be credited to the participants of The Depository Trust Company as listed on the records of The Depository Trust Company as of the January 1 and July 1 next preceding the date of such payments (the "Record Dates" for such payments). Principal of this bond, upon presentation and surrender to the Township, will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Township and will be credited to the participants of The Depository Trust Company.

This bond is not transferable as to principal or interest except to an authorized nominee of The Depository Trust Company. The Depository Trust Company shall be responsible for maintaining the book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants are responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the bonds on behalf of individual purchasers.

The bonds of this issue maturing prior to January 15, 2036 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The bonds of this issue maturing on or after January 15, 2037 are redeemable at the option of the Township in whole or in part on any date on or after January 15, 2036 upon notice as required herein at par, plus in each case unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books

kept for that purpose by the Township or a duly appointed bond registrar. However, as long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the bonds, notice of redemption may be sent to such Securities Depository by email or as otherwise permitted by the Securities Depository regulations. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Township determines to redeem a portion of the bonds prior to maturity, the bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Township. The bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If notice of redemption has been given as provided herein, the bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the redemption price, together with unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the bonds after the date fixed for redemption. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the bonds redeemed.

C. _____

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on this bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed and that the issue of bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the Township, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, in the County of Essex, New Jersey has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signature of its Mayor and Chief Financial Officer, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Clerk, and this bond to be dated the Dated Date as specified above.

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

[TOWNSHIP SEAL]

ATTEST:

By: [to be executed upon issuance of bonds]
Mayor

By: [to be executed upon issuance of bonds]
Clerk

By: [to be executed upon issuance of bonds]
Chief Financial Officer

[END OF SAMPLE BOND FORM]

SECTION 7. In each of the General Improvement Bonds the following language should be inserted in the places indicated by the corresponding letter in the form of the Bonds.

A. GI-__.

B. GENERAL IMPROVEMENT

C. This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, a resolution of the Township adopted February 92, 2026 and entitled, "Resolution 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 \$6,333,000 in Principal Amount," and the various bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law.

SECTION 8. In each of the Water and Sewer Utility Bonds the following language should

be inserted in the places indicated by the corresponding letter in the form of the Bonds.

A. WSU-__.

B. WATER AND SEWER UTILITY

C. This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, a resolution of the Township adopted February 9, 2026 and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Water and Sewer Utility Bonds of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$1,618,000 in Principal Amount," and the various bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law.

SECTION 9. In each of the Pool Utility Bonds the following language should be inserted in the places indicated by the corresponding letter in the form of the Bonds.

A. PU-__.

B. POOL UTILITY

C. This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, a resolution of the Township adopted February 9, 2026 and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Pool Utility Bonds of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$1,987,000 in Principal Amount," and the various bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law.

SECTION 10. The Bonds shall be sold on February 17, 2026 via the "PARITY Electronic Bid System" (PARITY) upon the terms and the conditions set forth in and described in the Full Notice of Sale authorized below and set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Full Notice of Sale"). The Full Notice of Sale shall be posted in full at *The Bond Buyer Online*. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the publication of the Short Notice of Sale authorized below and set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto (the "Short Notice of Sale") and the Summary Notice of Sale authorized below and set forth in Exhibit C (the "Summary Notice of Sale"). The Notices of Sale shall be posted and published as required by law not less than seven days prior to the date of sale. The full Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Short Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and the Summary Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, each with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to market the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of The Depository Trust Company and PARITY and as may be suggested by Bond Counsel. The Short Notice of Sale shall be published in the Township's local newspaper, and the Summary Notice of Sale shall be published in the *Bond Buyer*, a financial newspaper published and circulating in the City of New York, New York, and in *The Bond Buyer Online*.

SECTION 11. The Township hereby designates the Chief Financial Officer as the officer

to sell and to award the Bonds and to act on behalf of the Township in accordance with the Notices of Sale authorized herein, and the Chief Financial Officer shall report in writing the results of the sale to this Township Council as required by law.

SECTION 12. The Bonds shall have printed thereon, or be accompanied with, a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC ("Bond Counsel") complete except for omission of its date.

SECTION 13. Bond Counsel is authorized to arrange for the printing of the Bonds, and Acacia Financial Group, Inc. (the "Municipal Advisor") or Bond Counsel are authorized to arrange for the printing of the Official Statement to be prepared in connection with the sale of the Bonds and to arrange for the distribution of the preliminary Official Statements on behalf of the Township to those financial institutions that customarily submit bids for such Bonds. The Municipal Advisor, PKF O'Connor Davies LLP, the Township's auditor, and Bond Counsel are authorized to prepare the Official Statement necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and the Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer of the Township is authorized to execute any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement. Such Official Statement may be distributed in preliminary form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of the Township by the Chief Financial Officer or by the Mayor of the Township. Final Official Statements shall be delivered to the purchaser of the Bonds within the earlier of seven business days following the sale of the Bonds or to accompany the purchaser's confirmations that request payment for the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor is further authorized to arrange on behalf of the Township for a rating on the Bonds from S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, and/or Moody's Investors Service.

SECTION 14. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, as may be necessary in order to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

SECTION 15. In the event that The Depository Trust Company may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Township and if no successor Securities Depository is appointed, the Bonds that were previously issued in book-

entry form shall be converted to registered bonds (the "Registered Bonds") in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (except that Bonds maturing in any year in an amount that is not a multiple of \$5,000 shall be issued in denominations of an integral multiple of \$1,000). The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of the Registered Bonds. The Township shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the Registered Bonds in certificate form.

SECTION 16. Solely for purposes of complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the Rule and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the following requirements in accordance with paragraph (d) of the Rule, for so long as the Bonds remain outstanding (unless the Bonds have been wholly defeased), the Township shall provide for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the beneficial owners thereof:

(a) On or prior to September 30 of each fiscal year, beginning September 30, 2026 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system or such other repository designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, annual financial information with respect to the Township consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Township and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (1) Township indebtedness and overlapping indebtedness including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Township; (2) property valuation information; and (3) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial statements will be prepared in accordance with modified cash accounting as mandated by the State of New Jersey statutory principles in effect from time to time or with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law.

(b) If any of the following events occur regarding the Bonds, a timely notice not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event sent to EMMA:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) Modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Township;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Township or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Township, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Township, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

The term "Financial Obligation" as used in subparagraphs (b)(15) and (b)(16) above means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii); provided, however, that the term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

Notice of failure of the Township to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in this resolution shall be sent in a timely manner to EMMA.

If all or any part of the Rule ceases to be in effect or is not in effect for any reason, then the information required to be provided under this resolution, insofar as the provisions of the Rule not or no longer in effect required the provision of such information, shall not or no longer be required to be provided.

The Chief Financial Officer shall determine, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of obligations of the Township prior to their offering. Such officer is hereby authorized to enter into additional written contracts or undertakings to implement the Rule and is further authorized to amend such contracts or undertakings or the undertakings set forth in this resolution, provided such amendment is, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, in compliance with the Rule.

In the event that the Township fails to comply with the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings specified in this resolution, the Township shall not be liable for

monetary damages, remedy being hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings therefor.

SECTION 17. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to invest the proceeds of the Bonds in investment obligations or deposits as permitted in accordance with New Jersey law.

SECTION 18. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to pay the costs of issuance at or after the time of closing to the various participants regarding the sale and issuance of the Bonds, including costs for the publications, preparation and printing of the Official Statement, credit rating, municipal advisory services, legal services and other miscellaneous costs of issuing the Bonds.

SECTION 19. The Chief Financial Officer and other appropriate representatives of the Township are authorized to take all other actions on behalf of the Township necessary for the sale and the delivery of the Bonds in accordance with this resolution.

SECTION 20. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

ABSTAIN (Recusal): Holland

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 FEBRUARY 9, 2026.


JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK



EXHIBIT A

FULL NOTICE OF SALE

(for publication on [www.mcelweequinn](http://www.mcelweequinn.com) and on
The Bond Buyer Online's website: www.bondbuyer.com)

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF SALE

\$9,938,000

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026,
CONSISTING OF:

\$6,333,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
\$1,618,000 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS AND
\$1,987,000 POOL UTILITY BONDS
(BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY)
(CALLABLE)

SUMMARY

ISSUER: Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey

PAR AMOUNT: \$9,938,000

SECURITY: General obligations of the Township

TAX EXEMPT: Yes

RATINGS AND INSURANCE: Rating to be Determined; Insurance at option of Winning Bidder

TYPE OF SALE: Electronic proposals via the Parity Electronic Bid System ("PARITY") of i-Deal LLC ("i-Deal") (See Bidding Details Item herein)

BOND SALE AGENT: PARITY

BID/AWARD DATE: February 17, 2026 electronic proposals until 10:45 a.m., local time, at which time they will be publicly opened, received and announced. Award by 3:00 p.m.

DATED DATE: Date of Delivery

DELIVERY DATE: On or about February 25, 2026

INTEREST PAYMENT DATES: January 15 and July 15, commencing January 15, 2027

FORM: Book-entry-only

FIRST CALL DATE: January 15, 2036

MINIMUM BID: \$9,938,000 (Par)

MAXIMUM BID: \$10,633,660 (Par plus 7% original issue premium)

BID SECURITY: **Good Faith Check or wire transfer in the amount of \$198,760 received by the Township prior to bidding**

BASIS OF AWARD: True Interest Cost

OFFERING STATEMENT: Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale are available from McElwee & Quinn at www.mcelweequinn.com and at The Bond Buyer

Online at
www.bondbuyer.com

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic proposals will be received by the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") for the purchase of \$9,938,000* original principal amount of the Township's General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds"). **All Bids (as defined below) must be submitted in their entirety via "PARITY Electronic Bid System" (PARITY) prior to 10:45 a.m. New Jersey time on February 17, 2026. To bid, Bidders (as defined below) must have submitted a good faith check or a wire payable to the Township in the amount of \$198,760 by no later than 10:30 a.m. on the Bid Date (see Bidding Details below).**

Preliminary and Final Official Statement

The Township's Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS") is available for viewing in electronic format through McElwee & Quinn, L.L.C. at www.mcelweequinn.com. In addition, broker dealers registered with the National Association of Securities Dealers (the "NASD") and dealer banks with The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") clearing arrangements may either: (a) print out a copy of the POS on their own printer, or (b) at any time prior to February 17, 2026, elect to receive a photocopy of the POS in the mail by calling the Township's bond counsel, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC ("Bond Counsel"), 75 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to the attention of Christopher B. Langhart, Esq. (telephone no. 973-622-4855) or Heather Thompson (telephone no. 973-622-5027). All Bidders must review the POS and certify that they have done so prior to participating in the bidding.

The POS is deemed by the Township to be final as of its date, for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, except for the omission of information concerning the offering price(s), interest rate(s), selling compensation, aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and any other terms or provisions to be determined from the successful Bid or depending on such matters, and the identity of the underwriter(s). The POS is, however, subject to such further revisions, amendments and completion in a final official statement (the "Final Official Statement") as may be necessary.

The Township, at its expense, will make available to the Winning Bidder a reasonable number of Final Official Statements within seven (7) business days following the date of acceptance of the Bid.

Types of Bids Allowed

Subject to the Bid requirements described below, Bids for the Bonds must be submitted on an "All-or-None" ("AON") basis for the entire amount \$9,938,000*. First, a Bidder must submit a conforming Bid for the entire issue, and if such Bid is accepted by the Township, the Bidder will be required to purchase the entire issue in accordance with such Bid.

Insurance

All or any part of the Bonds can be insured at the option of the Bidder. The insurance premium, if any, will be paid by the Bidder.

Interest Payment Dates; Description of the Bonds

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery and will bear interest from such date payable semiannually on each January 15 and July 15, commencing on January 15, 2027.

*Preliminary, subject to change

Principal Amortization

The Bonds will consist of serial bonds maturing on January 15 in the years 2027 through 2052, inclusive, as set forth in the following table:

<u>Year</u> <u>(January 15)</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Improvement</u> <u>Bonds*</u>	<u>Water</u> <u>and Sewer</u> <u>Utility</u> <u>Bonds *</u>	<u>Pool Utility</u> <u>Bonds *</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount *</u>
2027	\$158,000	\$38,000	\$82,000	\$278,000
2028	\$180,000	\$40,000	\$115,000	\$335,000
2029	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$115,000	\$315,000
2030	\$270,000	\$50,000	\$120,000	\$440,000
2031	\$280,000	\$50,000	\$120,000	\$450,000
2032	\$285,000	\$50,000	\$125,000	\$460,000
2033	\$295,000	\$50,000	\$130,000	\$475,000
2034	\$300,000	\$55,000	\$135,000	\$490,000
2035	\$310,000	\$55,000	\$135,000	\$500,000
2036	\$315,000	\$55,000	\$140,000	\$510,000
2037	\$315,000	\$60,000	\$145,000	\$520,000
2038	\$315,000	\$60,000	\$150,000	\$525,000
2039	\$315,000	\$65,000	\$155,000	\$535,000
2040	\$315,000	\$65,000	\$160,000	\$540,000
2041	\$315,000	\$65,000	\$160,000	\$540,000
2042	\$315,000	\$70,000		\$385,000
2043	\$315,000	\$75,000		\$390,000
2044	\$315,000	\$75,000		\$390,000
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***The Township may, after the receipt and opening of bids, if premium is bid as part of the purchase price, adjust the principal amount and maturity schedule of the Bonds; provided, however, that (i) no annual maturity adjustment shall exceed 10% upward or downward of the principal for any maturity as specified herein, and (ii) the aggregate adjustment shall not reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be delivered by more than 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds offered for sale, as specified herein. The dollar amount bid by the winning bidder shall be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds to be issued. The Bid price will be adjusted to reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriter's discount and any original issue premium, but will not change the per bond underwriter's discount, as calculated from the original Bid, and the initial public offering prices required to be delivered to the Township, as stated herein.**

Book-Entry-Only

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, initially in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000 except that Bonds maturing in any year in an amount that is not a multiple of \$5,000 may be purchased in an amount of \$1,000 or any multiple thereof through book-entries made on the books and records of The Depository Trust Company and its participants. Payments of principal and interest and redemption premium, if any, will be made by the paying agent to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC participants to then be remitted to the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

Section 265 Qualification

The Bonds will not be designated as qualified under Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, by the Township for an exemption from the denial of deduction for interest paid by financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations.

Redemption Provisions

The Bonds of this issue maturing prior to January 15, 2036 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds of this issue maturing on or after January 15, 2037 are redeemable at the option of the Township in whole or in part on any date on or after January 15, 2036 upon notice as required herein at par, plus in each case unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Township or a duly appointed bond registrar. However, as long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the Bonds, notice of redemption may be sent to such Securities Depository by email or as otherwise permitted by the Securities Depository regulations. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Township determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, the Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Township. The Bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If notice of redemption has been given as provided herein, the Bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the redemption price, together with unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the Bonds after the date fixed for redemption. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the Bonds redeemed.

Term Bond Option - Not Available

Terms of PARITY

Each electronic proposal must be submitted via PARITY. No Bidder will see any other bidder's bid, nor will any bidder see the status of its bid relative to other bids (e.g., whether its Bid is a leading bid). To the extent any instructions or directions set forth on PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact PARITY at I-Deal at (212) 404-8102. The Township may, but is not obligated to, acknowledge its acceptance in writing of any bid submitted electronically via PARITY. In the event that a bid for the Bonds is submitted via PARITY, the bidder further agrees that: The Township may regard the electronic transmission of the bid via PARITY (including information about the purchase price of the Bonds, the interest rate or rates to be borne by the various maturities of the Bonds, the initial public offering price of each maturity of the Bonds and any other information included in such transmission) as though the same information were submitted on the official "Proposal for Bonds" provided by the Township and executed by a duly authorized signatory of the bidder. If a bid submitted electronically via PARITY is accepted by the Township, the terms of the official "Proposal for Bonds" and this Notice of Sale and the information that is electronically transmitted via PARITY shall form a contract, and the Winning Bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

PARITY is not an agent of the Township, and the Township shall have no liability whatsoever based on any bidder's use of PARITY, including but not limited to any failure by PARITY to correctly or timely transmit information provided by the Township or information provided by the bidder.

The Township may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY by issuing a notification to such effect via TM3 News Services, or by other available means, no later than 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the last business date prior to the Bid Date.

Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY to the Township, each Bid will constitute an official "Proposal for Bonds" and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to

purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting all "Proposals for Bonds," whether electronically or sealed, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.

Each Bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting its Bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Township nor i-Deal shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure to any Bidder, and neither the Township nor i-Deal shall be responsible for the proper operation of, or have any liability for, any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, PARITY. The Township is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the Township's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY, each Bidder agrees to hold the Township harmless for any harm or damages caused to such Bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on the Bonds.

Bidding Details

Bidders should be aware of the following bidding details associated with the sale of the Bonds:

- (1) **BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT A GOOD FAITH CHECK OR A WIRE TRANSFER (PLEASE CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL ADVISOR FOR WIRE INSTRUCTIONS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$198,760 PAYABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP NO LATER THAN 10:30 A.M. ON THE BID DATE. HOWEVER, BIDDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT CHECKS AND WIRE TRANSFERS ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE BID DATE TO ASSURE RECEIPT OF PAYMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP. CHECKS CAN BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**Jennifer Muscara, Chief Financial Officer
Township of Verona
600 Bloomfield Avenue
Verona, NJ 07044**

BIDDERS SUBMITTING GOOD FAITH CHECKS SHOULD ALSO ENCLOSE A RETURN ENVELOPE FOR USE BY THE TOWNSHIP.

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS SUBMITTING THE GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT BY WIRE TRANSFER SHALL, NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE BID DATE OF THE BONDS, PROVIDE THE TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN WRITING WITH WIRING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RETURN OF SUCH UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT. IN THE EVENT THAT THE TOWNSHIP FAILS TO RETURN ANY GOOD FAITH WIRES IN A TIMELY FASHION, THE TOWNSHIP SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR MONETARY DAMAGES, REMEDY BEING HEREBY SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

- (2) **All Bids must be submitted via PARITY. No telephone, telefax, telegraph or personal delivery Bids will be accepted.**
- (3) **All Bids for the Bonds must be submitted on an AON basis.**
- (4) **Each proposal submitted must name the rate or rates of interest per annum to be borne by the Bonds and the rate or rates named must be multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%. Not more than one rate may be named for Bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates that may be named. Ascending coupons are not required.** Each proposal submitted must state the purchase price, which must be not less than the par amount of the Bonds offered for sale of \$9,938,000 plus any premium. **Any bid premium may not exceed 7% of the Bonds offered for sale.** The Bonds will be awarded to the Bidder on whose bid the total loan may be made at the lowest true interest cost ("TIC"). Such TIC shall be computed as set forth below. No proposal shall be considered that offers to pay an amount less than the principal amount of Bonds offered for sale. No bid will be awarded under which the total loan is made at TIC higher than the lowest TIC to the Township under any legally acceptable proposal. The purchaser must also pay an amount equal to the interest on the Bonds accrued to the date of payment of the

purchase price. The calculation of the low bid will not be affected by any adjustments to the principal amount, purchase price and any maturity changes made after the award as set forth herein.

- (5) Bidders are only permitted to submit Bids for the Bonds during the bidding period.

Definitions

"Bid" any confirmed purchase offer received by PARITY on or before the proposal submission deadline.

"Bidder" any firm registered and approved for participation in sale.

"Winning Bid" any purchase offer made by a Bidder and received by PARITY that, at the end of the bidding time period, results in the lowest TIC that is acceptable to the Township.

"True Interest Cost (TIC)" true interest cost shall be computed in each instance by determining the interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payments to the date of the bonds and to the price bid, excluding interest accrued to the Delivery Date. The TIC serves as the basis for awarding bonds to the winning bidder.

Bid Procedure and Basis of Award

Subject to the right reserved by the Township to reject any or all Bids, the Bonds will be sold to the Bidder whose Bid produces the lowest TIC for the Township and otherwise complies with the Notice of Sale. The award will be based upon the par amount of bonds in the amount of \$9,938,000 offered for sale even though the final bid award may be adjusted as set forth herein.

Bids must remain valid until at least 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the sale, and if accepted by the Township, prior to such time, shall be irrevocable except as otherwise provided in the Notice of Sale. Upon selection of the Winning Bidder, the Township will execute an award certificate to award the Bonds and will promptly communicate with the Winning Bidder by telephone, e-mail or fax.

Bid Security and Method of Payment for Bonds

A Good Faith Deposit ("Deposit") in the form of a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check or a wire transfer in the amount of \$198,760 payable to the order of the Township by no later than 10:30 a.m. on the Bid Date is required for each Bid to be considered. Wire instructions can be obtained by contacting the Township's Municipal Advisor, Jennifer G. Edwards of Acacia Financial Group, Inc., at (856) 234-2266, and such wire must be received and confirmed by the Township prior to the time for bids to be submitted. If a check is used, it must be a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check and must be provided to the Township no later than by 10:30 a.m. on the Bid Date. Each Bidder accepts responsibility for delivering such check or wire transfer on time, and the Township is not responsible for any check or wire transfer that is not received on time. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the Winning Bidder fails to honor its accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Township. Award of the Bonds to the Winning Bidder or rejection of all Bids is expected to be made within two hours after opening of the Bids, but such Winning Bidder may not withdraw its proposal until after 3:00 p.m. of the day of receipt of such Bids and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in Federal Funds by wire transfer to the Township on the Delivery Date.

Right to Reject Bids; Waive Irregularities

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to the extent permitted by law to waive any irregularity or informality in any Bid.

Information Required from the Winning Bidder

By making a bid for the Bonds, the Winning Bidder agrees: (a) to provide to the Township, in writing, immediately upon being unofficially awarded the Bonds, a written confirmation of the bid, which shall include the purchase price, reoffering yield(s), and other related information necessary for completion of the Final Official Statement or by Bond Counsel; (b) to disseminate to all members of the underwriting syndicate copies of the Final Official Statement; (c) to promptly file a copy of the final Official Statement with each nationally recognized Municipal Securities Information Repository; and (d) to take any and all other actions necessary to comply with applicable Securities and Exchange Commission and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board rules governing the offering, sale and delivery of the Bonds to alternate purchasers.

Establishment of Issue Price for the Bonds

In the event the Township receives at least three (3) bids for the Bonds, then the Issue Price for the Bonds shall be established based on the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds as of the Sale Date (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices shall consist of the prices for each maturity of the Bonds used by the winning bidder in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. The winning bidder shall be required to deliver on the Delivery Date a certificate to such effect, and provide to the Township, in writing, the Expected Offering Prices as of the Sale Date.

In the event the Township receives fewer than three (3) bids for the Bonds, then the Issue Price for the Bonds shall be established based on the following method as selected by the winning bidder on the Sale Date:

10% Sold: The Issue Price for the Bonds shall be established based on the first price at which at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public (as defined below). The winning bidder shall be required to deliver on the Delivery Date a certificate to such effect, and provide to the Township, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Township of such sales prices for each maturity of the Bonds. In the event that the winning bidder has not sold at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds to the Public as of the Delivery Date (each, an "Unsold Maturity"), the winning bidder shall (i) provide to the Township, in writing, on the Delivery Date, the Expected Offering Prices for each Unsold Maturity and a certificate regarding same and (ii) have a continuing obligation to provide to the Township, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Township of the first price at which at least 10% of each Unsold Maturity is sold to the Public, contemporaneous with each such sale, until at least 10% of all such Unsold Maturities have been sold to the Public.

Hold The Price: The Issue Price for the Bonds shall be established based on the initial offering price of the Bonds to the Public as of the Sale Date, provided that the winning bidder shall, in writing, (i) confirm that the Underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the Sale Date at the offering price or prices set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the Underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the Underwriters will neither offer nor sell the Bonds to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the Public during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of: (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public.

Public means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter (as defined herein) or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly. Underwriter means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

Delivery of the Bonds

The Bonds will be delivered on or about February 25, 2026 (UNLESS A NOTICE OF A CHANGE IN THE DELIVERY DATE IS PUBLISHED NOT LATER THAN 2 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY ANNOUNCED DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS) in New York City at DTC against payment

of the purchase price therefor (less the amount of the good faith deposit) in federal funds.

There will also be furnished the usual closing papers, including (1) a certificate signed by the officials who signed the Bonds stating that no litigation of any kind is now pending or, to their knowledge, threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Bonds, or in any manner questioning the proceedings and authorization under which the Bonds are issued or affecting the validity of the Bonds and (2) a certificate signed by the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer relating to the Official Statement.

CUSIP Numbers

The Municipal Advisor will apply for CUSIP numbers with respect to the Bonds, but neither the Municipal Advisor nor the Township will assume any obligation for the assignment or printing of such numbers on the Bonds or for the correctness of such numbers, and neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the winning Bidder to accept delivery of and make payment for the Bonds. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the CUSIP numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the winning Bidder.

Legal Opinion

The approving opinion of Bond Counsel will be furnished without cost to the Winning Bidder.

Postponement

The Township reserves the right to postpone, upon not less than 24 hours' notice, the date and time established for receipt of Bids. **ANY SUCH POSTPONEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED OR POSTED ON PARITY AND/OR ON THE BOND BUYER ONLINE AS APPLICABLE BEFORE 10:45 A.M. ON THE DAY BEFORE THE SALE.** If any date fixed for the receipt of Bids and the sale of the Bonds is postponed, an alternative sale date, not later than 60 days from the advertised date of sale, will be announced via PARITY and The Bond Buyer Online at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such alternative sale date. On any such alternative sale date, any Bidder may submit a Bid for the purchase of the Bonds in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Notice of Sale, except for the Bid Date and except for the changes announced on The Bond Buyer Online at www.bondbuyer.com at the time the sale date and time are announced.

Additional Information

For further information relating to the Bonds, reference is made to the POS prepared for and authorized by the Township. The Notice of Sale and the POS may be viewed on www.mcelweequinn.com. However, the Township makes no assurance or representation with respect to the form of the Notice of Sale and the POS, and no investment decision should be made in reliance thereon. Printed copies of the POS and the Notice of Sale may be obtained from Bond Counsel at the address and the phone number stated above. For additional information relating to the sale please contact PARITY at I-Deal at (212) 404-8102. Additional information relating to the financing of the Township can be obtained by contacting the Municipal Advisor.

Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey

By: Jennifer Muscara
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 10, 2026

EXHIBIT B

SHORT FORM OF NOTICE OF SALE

(for publication in the Township's local newspaper)

NOTICE OF SALE

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF SALE

\$9,938,000

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026,
CONSISTING OF:

\$6,333,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
\$1,618,000 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS AND
\$1,987,000 POOL UTILITY BONDS
(BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY)
(CALLABLE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic proposals will be received by the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") for the purchase of \$9,938,000* original principal amount of the Township's General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds"). **All Bids (as defined below) must be submitted in their entirety via "PARITY Electronic Bid System" (PARITY) prior to 10:45 a.m. New Jersey time on February 17, 2026. To bid, Bidders (as defined below) must have submitted a good faith check or a wire payable to the Township in the amount of \$198,760 by no later than 10:30 a.m. on the Bid Date (see Bidding Details below).**

Preliminary and Final Official Statement

The Township's Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS") is available for viewing in electronic format on www.mcelweequinn.com. In addition, broker-dealers registered with the National Association of Securities Dealers (the "NASD") and dealer banks with The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") clearing arrangements may either: (a) print out a copy of the POS on their own printer, or (b) at any time prior to February 17, 2026, elect to receive a photocopy of the POS in the mail by calling the Township's bond counsel, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC ("Bond Counsel"), 75 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to the attention of Christopher B. Langhart, Esq. (telephone no. 973-622-48555171) or Heather Thompson (telephone no. 973-622-5072). All Bidders must review the POS and certify that they have done so prior to participating in the bidding.

The POS is deemed by the Township to be final as of its date, for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, except for the omission of information concerning the offering price(s), interest rate(s), selling compensation, aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and any other terms or provisions to be determined from the successful Bid or depending on such matters, and the identity of the underwriter(s). The POS is, however, subject to such further revisions, amendments and completion in a final official statement (the "Final Official Statement") as may be necessary.

The Township, at its expense, will make available to the Winning Bidder a reasonable number of Final Official Statements within seven (7) business days following the date of acceptance of the Bid.

Types of Bids Allowed

Subject to the Bid requirements described below, Bids for the Bonds must be submitted on an "All-or-None" ("AON") basis for the entire amount of \$9,938,000.* First, a Bidder must submit a conforming Bid for the entire issue, and if such Bid is accepted by the Township, the Bidder will be required to purchase the entire issue in accordance with such Bid.

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Insurance

All or any part of the Bonds can be insured at the option of the Bidder. The insurance premium, if any, will be paid by the Bidder.

Interest Payment Dates; Description of the Bonds

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery and will bear interest from such date payable semiannually on each January 15 and July 15, commencing on January 15, 2027.

Principal Amortization

The Bonds will consist of serial bonds maturing on January 15 in the years 2027 through 2052, inclusive, as set forth in the following table:

<u>Year</u> <u>(January 15)</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Improvement</u> <u>Bonds*</u>	<u>Water</u> <u>and Sewer</u> <u>Utility</u> <u>Bonds *</u>	<u>Pool Utility</u> <u>Bonds *</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount *</u>
2027	\$158,000	\$38,000	\$82,000	\$278,000
2028	\$180,000	\$40,000	\$115,000	\$335,000
2029	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$115,000	\$315,000
2030	\$270,000	\$50,000	\$120,000	\$440,000
2031	\$280,000	\$50,000	\$120,000	\$450,000
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2036	\$315,000	\$55,000	\$140,000	\$510,000
2037	\$315,000	\$60,000	\$145,000	\$520,000
2038	\$315,000	\$60,000	\$150,000	\$525,000
2039	\$315,000	\$65,000	\$155,000	\$535,000
2040	\$315,000	\$65,000	\$160,000	\$540,000
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*The Township may, after the receipt and opening of bids, if premium is bid as part of the purchase price, adjust the principal amount and maturity schedule of the Bonds; provided, however, that (i) no annual maturity adjustment shall exceed 10% upward or downward of the principal for any maturity as specified herein, and (ii) the aggregate adjustment shall not reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be delivered by more than 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds offered for sale, as specified herein. The dollar amount bid by the winning bidder shall be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds to be issued. The Bid price will be adjusted to reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriter's discount and any original issue premium, but will not change the per bond underwriter's discount, as calculated from the original Bid, and the initial public offering prices required to be delivered to the Township, as stated herein.

*Preliminary, subject to change

Book-Entry-Only

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, initially in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made through book-entries made on the books and records of The Depository Trust Company and its participants in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (except that Bonds maturing in any year in an amount that is not a multiple of \$5,000 may be made in an amount of \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof). Payments of principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, will be made by the paying agent to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC participants to then be remitted to the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

Section 265 Qualification

The Bonds will not be designated as qualified under Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, by the Township for an exemption from the denial of deduction for interest paid by financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations.

Redemption Provisions

The Bonds of this issue maturing prior to January 15, 2036 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds of this issue maturing on or after January 15, 2037 are redeemable at the option of the Township in whole or in part on any date on or after January 15, 2036 upon notice as required herein at par, plus in each case unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the Bonds not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Township or a duly appointed bond registrar. However, as long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the Bonds, notice of redemption may be sent to such Securities Depository by email or as otherwise permitted by the Securities Depository regulations. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Township determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, the Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Township. The Bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If notice of redemption has been given as provided herein, the Bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the redemption price, together with unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the Bonds after the date fixed for redemption. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the Bonds redeemed.

Term Bond Option - Not Available

Bid Procedure and Basis of Award

Subject to the right reserved by the Township to reject any or all Bids, the Bonds will be sold to the Bidder whose Bid produces the lowest TIC for the Township and otherwise complies with the Notice of Sale.

Bids must remain valid until at least 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the sale, and if accepted by the Township, prior to such time, shall be irrevocable except as otherwise provided in the Notice of Sale. Upon selection of the winning Bidder, the Township will execute an award certificate to award the Bonds and will promptly communicate with the winning Bidder by telephone, e-mail or fax.

Each proposal submitted must name the rate or rates of interest per annum to be borne by the Bonds, and the rate or rates named must be multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%. Not more than one rate may be named for Bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates that may be named. **Ascending coupons are not required.** Each proposal submitted must

state the purchase price, which must be not less than \$9,938,000 plus any premium. **Any bid premium may not exceed 7% of the Bonds offered for sale.** Bonds will be awarded to the bidder on whose bid the total loan may be made at the lowest true interest cost. Such true interest cost shall be computed by determining the interest rate compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payment to the date of the Bonds and to the price bid, excluding interest accrued to the Delivery Date. No proposal shall be considered that offers to pay an amount less than the principal amount of Bonds offered for sale of \$9,938,000. No bid will be awarded under which the total loan is made at TIC higher than the lowest TIC to the Township under any legally acceptable proposal. The purchaser must also pay an amount equal to the interest on the Bonds accrued to the date of payment of the purchase price. The calculation of the low bid will not be affected by any adjustments to the principal amount, purchase price and any maturity changes made after the award as set forth herein.

If two (2) bids are submitted in the auction by the same or two or more different bidders and result in the same TIC, the first confirmed bid received by Parity prevails. Any change to a submitted bid constitutes a new bid, regardless of whether there is a corresponding change in TIC.

Terms of PARITY

Each electronic proposal must be submitted via PARITY. No Bidder will see any other bidder's bid, nor will any bidder see the status of its bid relative to other bids (*e.g.*, whether its Bid is a leading bid). To the extent any instructions or directions set forth on PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact PARITY at I-Deal at (212) 404-8102. The Township may, but is not obligated to, acknowledge its acceptance in writing of any bid submitted electronically via PARITY. In the event that a bid for the Bonds is submitted via PARITY, the bidder further agrees that: The Township may regard the electronic transmission of the bid via PARITY (including information about the purchase price of the Bonds, the interest rate or rates to be borne by the various maturities of the Bonds, the initial public offering price of each maturity of the Bonds and any other information included in such transmission) as though the same information were submitted on the official "Proposal for Bonds" provided by the Township and executed by a duly authorized signatory of the bidder. If a bid submitted electronically via PARITY is accepted by the Township, the terms of the official "Proposal for Bonds" and this Notice of Sale and the information that is electronically transmitted via PARITY shall form a contract, and the Winning Bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

PARITY is not an agent of the Township, and the Township shall have no liability whatsoever based on any bidder's use of PARITY, including but not limited to any failure by PARITY to correctly or timely transmit information provided by the Township or information provided by the bidder.

The Township may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY by issuing a notification to such effect via TM3 News Services, or by other available means, no later than 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the last business date prior to the Bid Date.

Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY to the Township, each Bid will constitute an official "Proposal for Bonds" and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting all "Proposals for Bonds," whether electronically or sealed, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.

Each Bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting its Bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Township nor i-Deal shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure to any Bidder, and neither the Township nor i-Deal shall be responsible for the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, PARITY. The Township is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the Township's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY, each Bidder agrees to hold the Township harmless for any harm or damages caused to such Bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on the Bonds.

Bid Security and Method of Payment for Bonds

A Good Faith Deposit ("Deposit") in the form of a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check or a wire transfer in the amount of \$198,760 payable to the order of the Township by no later than 10:30 a.m. on the Bid Date is required for each Bid to be considered. Wire instructions can be obtained by contacting the Township's Municipal Advisor, Jennifer G. Edwards of Acacia Financial Group, Inc., at (856) 234-2266, and such wire must be received and confirmed by the Township prior to the time for bids to be submitted. If a check is used, it must be a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check and must be provided to the Township no later than by 10:30 a.m. on the Bid Date. Each Bidder accepts responsibility for delivering such check or wire transfer on time, and the Township is not responsible for any check or wire transfer that is not received on time. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the Winning Bidder fails to honor its accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Township. Award of the Bonds to the Winning Bidder or rejection of all Bids is expected to be made within two hours after opening of the Bids, but such Winning Bidder may not withdraw its proposal until after 3:00 p.m. of the day of receipt of such Bids and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in Federal Funds by wire transfer to the Township on the Delivery Date.

Right to Reject Bids; Waive Irregularities

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to the extent permitted by law to waive any irregularity or informality in any Bid.

Information Required from the Winning Bidder

By making a bid for the Bonds, the Winning Bidder agrees: (a) to provide to the Township, in writing, immediately upon being unofficially awarded the Bonds, a written confirmation of the bid, which shall include the purchase price, reoffering yield(s), and other related information necessary for completion of the final Official Statement or by Bond Counsel; (b) to disseminate to all members of the underwriting syndicate copies of the Official Statement; (c) to promptly file a copy of the final Official Statement with each nationally recognized Municipal Securities Information Repository; and (d) to take any and all other actions necessary to comply with applicable Securities and Exchange Commission and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board rules governing the offering, sale and delivery of the Bonds to alternate purchasers.

Establishment of Issue Price for the Bonds

In the event the Township receives at least three (3) bids for the Bonds, then the Issue Price for the Bonds shall be established based on the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds as of the Sale Date (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices shall consist of the prices for each maturity of the Bonds used by the winning bidder in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. The winning bidder shall be required to deliver on the Delivery Date a certificate to such effect, and provide to the Township, in writing, the Expected Offering Prices as of the Sale Date.

In the event the Township receives fewer than three (3) bids for the Bonds, then the Issue Price for the Bonds shall be established based on the following method as selected by the winning bidder on the Sale Date:

10% Sold: The Issue Price for the Bonds shall be established based on the first price at which at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public (as defined below). The winning bidder shall be required to deliver on the Delivery Date a certificate to such effect, and provide to the Township, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Township of such sales prices for each maturity of the Bonds. In the event that the winning bidder has not sold at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds to the Public as of the Delivery Date (each, an "Unsold Maturity"), the winning bidder shall (i) provide to the Township, in writing, on the Delivery Date, the Expected Offering Prices for each Unsold Maturity and a certificate regarding same and (ii) have a continuing obligation to provide to the Township, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Township of the first price at which at least 10% of each Unsold Maturity is sold to the Public, contemporaneous with each such sale, until at least 10% of all such Unsold Maturities have been sold to the Public.

Hold The Price: The Issue Price for the Bonds shall be established based on the initial

offering price of the Bonds to the Public as of the Sale Date, provided that the winning bidder shall, in writing, (i) confirm that the Underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the Sale Date at the offering price or prices set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the Underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the Underwriters will neither offer nor sell the Bonds to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the Public during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of: (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public.

Public means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter (as defined herein) or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly. Underwriter means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

Delivery of the Bonds

The Bonds will be delivered on or about February 25, 2026 (UNLESS A NOTICE OF A CHANGE IN THE DELIVERY DATE IS PUBLISHED NOT LATER THAN 2 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY ANNOUNCED DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS) in New York City at DTC against payment of the purchase price therefor (less the amount of the good faith deposit) in federal funds.

There will also be furnished the usual closing papers, including (1) a certificate signed by the officials who signed the Bonds stating that no litigation of any kind is now pending or, to their knowledge, threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Bonds, or in any manner questioning the proceedings and authorization under which the Bonds are issued or affecting the validity of the Bonds and (2) a certificate signed by the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer relating to the Official Statement.

CUSIP Numbers

The Municipal Advisor will apply for CUSIP numbers with respect to the Bonds, but neither the Municipal Advisor nor the Township will assume any obligation for the assignment or printing of such numbers on the Bonds or for the correctness of such numbers, and neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the winning Bidder to accept delivery of and make payment for the Bonds. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the CUSIP numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the winning Bidder.

Legal Opinion

The approving opinion of Bond Counsel will be furnished without cost to the Winning Bidder.

Postponement

The Township reserves the right to postpone, upon not less than 24 hours' notice, the date and time established for receipt of Bids. **ANY SUCH POSTPONEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED OR POSTED ON PARITY AND/OR THE BOND BUYER ONLINE AS APPLICABLE BEFORE 10:45 A.M. ON THE DAY BEFORE THE SALE.** If any date fixed for the receipt of Bids and the sale of the Bonds is postponed, an alternative sale date, not later than 60 days from the advertised date of sale, will be announced via PARITY and The Bond Buyer Online at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such alternative sale date. On any such alternative sale date, any Bidder may submit a Bid for the purchase of the Bonds in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Notice of Sale, except for the Bid Date and except for the changes announced on The Bond Buyer Online at www.bondbuyer.com at the time the sale date and time are announced.

Additional Information

For further information relating to the Bonds, reference is made to the POS prepared for and authorized by the Township. The Notice of Sale and the POS may be viewed on www.mcelweequinn.com. However, the Township makes no assurance or representation with respect to the form of the Notice of Sale and the POS, and no investment decision should be made in reliance thereon. Printed copies of the POS and the Notice of Sale may be obtained from Bond Counsel at the address and the phone numbers stated above. For additional information relating to the sale please contact PARITY at I-Deal at (212) 404-8102. Additional information relating to the financing of the Township can be obtained by contacting the Municipal Advisor.

Dated: February 10, 2026

Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey
By: Jennifer Muscara, Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT C

SUMMARY FORM OF NOTICE OF SALE

(For publication in the *Bond Buyer* and
in *The Bond Buyer Online*)

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF SALE
\$9,938,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026,
CONSISTING OF:
\$6,333,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
\$1,618,000 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS AND
\$1,987,000 POOL UTILITY BONDS
(BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY) (CALLABLE)

SUMMARY

Dated Date: Date of Delivery (expected to be February 25, 2026)
 Bid Date and Time: Electronic proposals will be received via the Parity Electronic Bid System ("PARITY") of i-Deal LLC ("i-Deal") on **February 17, 2026** until 10:45 a.m. Award by 3:00 p.m.
 Type of Sale: PARITY
 Interest: Multiple Interest Rates- in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%. Ascending coupons not required.
 Legal Opinion: McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Roseland, NJ
 Bid Security: **Good Faith Check or wire must be received by Township by 10:30 a.m. prior to bidding in the amount of \$198,760**
 Limitation on Premium: \$10,633,660 (par plus 7% original issue premium)
 Maturity Schedule: The Bonds will consist of serial bonds maturing on January 15 in the years 2027 through 2052, inclusive, as set forth in the following table:

Year (January 15)	General Improvement Bonds*	Water and Sewer Utility Bonds *	Pool Utility Bonds *	Principal Amount *
2027	\$158,000	\$38,000	\$82,000	\$278,000
2028	\$180,000	\$40,000	\$115,000	\$335,000
2029	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$115,000	\$315,000
2030	\$270,000	\$50,000	\$120,000	\$440,000
2031	\$280,000	\$50,000	\$120,000	\$450,000
2032	\$285,000	\$50,000	\$125,000	\$460,000
2033	\$295,000	\$50,000	\$130,000	\$475,000
2034	\$300,000	\$55,000	\$135,000	\$490,000
2035	\$310,000	\$55,000	\$135,000	\$500,000
2036	\$315,000	\$55,000	\$140,000	\$510,000
2037	\$315,000	\$60,000	\$145,000	\$520,000
2038	\$315,000	\$60,000	\$150,000	\$525,000
2039	\$315,000	\$65,000	\$155,000	\$535,000
2040	\$315,000	\$65,000	\$160,000	\$540,000
2041	\$315,000	\$65,000	\$160,000	\$540,000
2042	\$315,000	\$70,000		\$385,000
2043	\$315,000	\$75,000		\$390,000
2044	\$315,000	\$75,000		\$390,000
2045	\$315,000	\$75,000		\$390,000
2046	\$315,000	\$75,000		\$390,000
2047	\$315,000	\$75,000		\$390,000
2048	\$315,000	\$75,000		\$390,000
2049		\$75,000		\$75,000
2050		\$75,000		\$75,000
2051		\$75,000		\$75,000
2052		\$75,000		\$75,000

*Preliminary, subject to change

Preliminary Official Statement, a Notice of Sale and other details available at
www.mcelweequinn.com