

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-122

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH
NEWGEN STRATEGIES & SOLUTIONS, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona operates a Water Utility that is part of the general government structure and accounts for water service as a dedicated utility within its budget; and

WHEREAS, the water utility fund is mandated to be a self-liquidating account where fees cover all operational and debt service costs and must be financially self-supporting where the cost of operating and maintaining the water system will be supported by the water fees and charges collected from customers with no support or subsidy from other Township revenues; and

WHEREAS, the water utility is required by law to be supported by the rates and fees charged for the use of water service; and

WHEREAS, the Township endeavors to implement equitable (i.e., fair and balanced) water rates to ensure sufficient revenues are being generated; and

WHEREAS, performing a water-rate study update will ensure the water utility has the financial resources needed to meet budget items, maintain the infrastructure, allow for anticipated growth of the water distribution system and implement a capital improvement plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to make the award as non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5* to NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC, located at, 900 Bestgate Road, Suite 402, Annapolis, MD 21401 has submitted a proposal indicating the ability to perform said services at a cost not-to-exceed \$30,000.00, charged to budget line C-51-44-997-019 and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that NewGen Strategies & Solutions, 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 NewGen Strategies & Solutions, 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 that a contract is awarded to NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC for a Water Utility Rate Study

1. The award of this contract is subject to finalization of the contract terms to be drafted and approved by the Township Attorney.
2. The contract and any contract amendments which may become necessary shall be subject to the Township's ability to appropriate sufficient funds, which appropriation shall be at the sole discretion of the Township Council.
3. The Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.
4. The Township Clerk is in receipt of the Stockholder Disclosure form, Contribution Disclosure form, Certificate of Employee Information Report, Business Registration Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance.

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

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 JUNE 8, 2026.



**JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

