

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, April 16, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey.

Call to Order:

Municipal Clerk reads notice of Open Public Meetings law. The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting; specifically, the time, date and location were included in the annual notice of meetings adopted by the governing body, posted in the Municipal Building, and sent to the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger. Additionally, the agenda for this meeting was posted in the Municipal Building and sent to the two newspapers before 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding this meeting.

Roll Call:

Mayor Kevin Ryan; Deputy Mayor Michael Nochimson; Councilman Alex Roman; Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilman Jack McEvoy are present. Township Manager Matthew Cavallo, Township Attorney Brian Aloia, and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present.

Mayor Ryan leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ryan reports the 2018 Essex County Cherry Blossom Festival began on April 7. The VBSL Parade was held last Saturday. Past president Rich Williamson, who served for over 20 years, threw out the first pitch. The Verona Park Conservancy and the Verona Environmental Commission held a Verona Park clean up on Saturday, as did the Hilltop Conservancy. On Sunday, the Mayor attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor where high school senior Adam Kazanfer received his Eagle Scout Badge. Mayor Ryan read a proclamation congratulating Adam during the ceremony.

Mayor Ryan reads a proclamation for Telecommunicators Week.

Manager's Report:

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo reports that the Township received about 2 ¾" of rain this morning. The sewer plant experienced surges but was not in violation. He states he will work with MottMacDonald to come up with a study and clean tree roots out of water mains. The intersection of Sunset and Wayland Drive flooded briefly this afternoon due to the run off from the Montclair Golf Course. Following the storm, the street sweeper was sent out.

PSEG has reported that milling and operations are complete. Side streets will be repaved this week, weather permitting. The Township Manager reports on the notification process of street closures. PSEG will notify the Township and a NIXLE notification will be put out along with a posting on the Township website, police department website and Facebook approximately 24 hours before the closures.

Debris from previous storms is still ongoing although residents are reminded to place all yard waste in 4 foot bundles at the curb for pick up.

There are two weeks left to open gym. Open gym will end on April 29. The Verona High School Student Council is hosting their annual Town Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 5.

The Board of Education approved the contract with FieldTurf this past Tuesday evening for Annual Maintenance of their fields. The Township and the Board of Education has entered into a contract together with FieldTurf for this service. Each field will be receive two Advanced Care Visits per year, with the exception of Centennial Field which will receive one visit. The cost to the Township is approximately \$12,500 per year, the cost to the Board of Education is \$17,000 per year. The Department of Public Works will be administering the contract for all fields.

The revaluation is moving quickly in Verona despite the weather. The firm has completed the initial and second attempts at properties last Thursday. They sent out the last batch of 3rd attempt letters today for those who have not responded to our earlier requests at the door.

They will continue to schedule inspections through the end of the month and into May. They are scheduling daytime, evening and a few Saturdays to accommodate resident's availability. Once the calls slow, they will take name/phone numbers and set up future schedules based on need. They will soon move into the next phase of the revaluation; valuation. Generally, residents have been receptive to their requests for inspections. They ask good questions and are agreeable to let the firm perform the interior inspection for accurate records.

Current Job Postings/Unfilled Positions are Violations Clerk (P/T), Municipal Clerk Clerk 1 (P/T), Department of Community Services (Office) Pool Manager (Seasonal), Department of Community Services (Pool Utility) Assistant Pool Manager (1-2 positions available) (Seasonal), Department of Community Services (Pool Utility) Sewage Plant Attendant (1-2 positions available) Paratransit Bus Driver (P/D), coverage position.

The Township Manager states the budget was approved by the Township Council on March 19 and subsequently advertised, as required by law on March 22 together with the notice of the hearing time. He explains there is a new resolution this year requiring the Council to certify that the Township of Verona's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964". The 25-page document that we are certifying to was transmitted to the Council last week for their review. He attests to the Council that our practices are in compliance with said recommendations. He asks that the Township Council pass this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-56

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

CERTIFYING THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA'S COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Council have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution and group affidavit form of the Township Council evidencing said compliance shall be on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and available for inspection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council's certification shall be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs within three days after approval, together with the approved budget.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2018-08 by title into record.

Public Hearing: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-08 is moved by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Councilman Giblin.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2018-08 is adopted 5-0 and will be published according to law.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-57

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

PERMITTING 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex did in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5* introduced and approved the annual budget for the Township at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council on March 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-6*, the annual budget as introduced and approved was published by summary in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times, a newspaper circulated within the Township of Verona at least 10 days prior to April 16, 2018 the date set forth in the advertisement for public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building of the Township of Verona at 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of *N.J.S.A.40A:4-8* have been met by making for available for public inspection a complete copy of the approved budget at least one week prior to the date of the hearing and by making copies of said approved budget available to each person requesting the same during the said week and during the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that pursuant with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8*, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that the Municipal Budget for the year 2017 shall be read by its title and it is further declared that the conditions as set forth in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8* have been met.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Public Hearing for 2018 Municipal Budget:

Al DeOld, 15 Howard Street, Verona, NJ

There is Council discussion on the 2018 Municipal Budget.

RESOLUTION No. 2018-58

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

ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Township of Verona for the 2018 calendar year;

General Appropriations:	<u>Year 2018</u>
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 17,112,026.68
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 4,996,485.23
	<u>\$ 1,628,850.00</u>
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	\$ 23,737,361.91
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	<u>\$ (7,413,441.23)</u>
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	
6. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	\$ 15,532,029.68

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget was published in the Verona-Cedar Times in the March 22, 2018 edition of the Verona Cedar Grove Times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held in the Municipal Building on April 16, 2018 at 7 o'clock p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2018 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that copies of the budget were available in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Township of Verona, at the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The budget was also posted on the Township's webpage at www.veronanj.org. All persons interested in the proposed budget had an opportunity to address the Township Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona does hereby adopt the preceding as the Budget for the 2018 year.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McEvoy, Roman, Ryan

NAYS: Giblin, Nochimson

The 2018 Municipal Budget is approved by a vote of 3-2.

Councilmembers' Reports:

Deputy Mayor Nochimson reports that the Recreation Advisory Committee met last week and had some good ideas to discuss in future meetings, specifically setting standard policies for use of the fields.

Councilman Roman reports that in March the Council reached out to elected representatives regarding concerns over the termination of the Community Development Block Grant. A reply was received from Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, who supported the bill informing us that the bill was signed in to law. Councilman Roman also reports that the Township has taken on initiatives to increase energy operations in Township buildings. Steven Neale has applied

through PSE&G for NJ Clean Energy Directives Installation Program that provides free energy audits on public buildings. If upgrades are needed, PSE&G finances 100% of the cost, with the Township responsible for just 30% of the cost.

Councilman McEvoy reports the Shade Tree Commission met and reviewed a long list of downed trees. He states the VBSL parade was well attended and congratulates Rich Williamson for his many years of services. He attended the anniversary of Zaferon Grill.

Councilman McEvoy suggests that the Township revisit the tree ordinance to revise for stricter enforcement of tree removal. He states trees are very important for storm water management.

Councilman Giblin has no report in light of the budget adoption and lengthy agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$101,500 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2018-09 by title into record.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance No. 2018-09 is moved by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Deputy Mayor Nochimson.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2018-09 is approved 5-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 7, 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, COUNTY of ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2018-10 by title into record.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance No. 2018-10 is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Mayor Ryan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2018-10 is approved 5-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 7, 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA CHAPTER A175-1 THEREOF ENTITLED SCHEDULE OF FEES BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2018-11 by title into record.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance No. 2018-11 is moved by Deputy Mayor Nochimson; seconded by Councilman Giblin.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Ordinance No. 2018-11 is approved 5-0 and will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on May 7, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-59

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

OPPOSING SENATE BILL S-5 IN ITS CURRENT FORM AND REQUESTING REVISIONS TO SAME

WHEREAS, Bill S-5/A-3671 proposes to transfer the management of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) to a Board of Trustees of PFRS; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2018, Bill S-5/A-3671 was passed by both houses of the legislature and now requires action by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona opposes Bill S-5/A-3671 in its current form, until the following taxpayer-friendly changes that will serve to protect the long-term health and viability of PERS as well as establish critical safeguards that require the new Board of Trustees of PFRS to manage valuable property-taxpayers' dollars in an effective and efficient manner are included:

- Create a 15-member PFRS Board of Trustees comprised of an equal number of labor and management representatives with 1 independent member;
- Authorize the League of Municipalities and the Association of Counties to make direct management appointments to the new Board of Trustees as is the case for the labor representatives;
- Prohibit the new Board of Trustees from enhancing member benefits until the system achieves a target funded ratio of 80% as required under current law;
- Require a vote of 2/3 of the full membership of the new Board of Trustees to enhance member benefits, and only after the system achieves a target funded ratio of 80%;
- Establish a mandatory retirement age.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township opposes Bill S-5/A-3671 in its present form and urges Governor Murphy to veto the bill in order for the amendments set forth above to be reconsidered by the legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Murphy, members of the Legislature representing the 26th Legislative District, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2018-60

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

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has advised the Township Council that there is obsolete equipment that is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(7) authorizes the disposition of personal property not needed for public use as part of a purchase to offset the price of the new purchase; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to dispose of said equipment by trade-in specifically 1) 2000 Dodge Intrepid – VIN # 2B3HD 46R0Y H1678 58.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the obsolete equipment referenced by the Township Manager which is no longer needed for public use by the Township shall be disposed of according to the manner as prescribed by law.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2018-61

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

REFUNDING TAX LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, property located at 2 Claridge Drive # 9GE, Block 102 Lot 1 Qualifier C0913, owned by Valentyna Deresh has been held in tax lien since December 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, payment was received, in the amount of \$25,205.42 from Steven M. Greenberg, Esq. clearing the lien as follows:

<u>Certificate #2015-7</u>	
Certificate	\$1,189.92
2% Redemption Penalty	\$ 23.80
2015 Taxes plus Interest	\$7,882.53
2016 Taxes plus Interest	\$7,104.74
2017 Taxes plus Interest	\$6,238.58
2018 1 st Qtr. Taxes plus Interest	\$1,406.85
Foreclosure Fees	\$1,307.00
Recording Fees	\$ 40.00
Search Fee	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
Total	\$25,205.42
Premium	\$17,600.00

WHEREAS, this certificate has been held by D1 Softball Clinic, LLC and the certificate has been received and properly signed for cancellation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector be authorized to refund, from Trust, \$42,805.42 to:

D1 Softball Clinic, LLC
20 Glenside Terrace
Montclair, NJ 07043

Trust Check - D1 Softball Clinic, LLC \$42,805.42 Certificate #15-00007

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan
NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2018-62

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

REFUNDING TAX LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, property located at 19 Westview Road, Block 202 Lot 6, owned by Nicola & Carmela Vece has been held in tax lien since December 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, payment was received, in the amount of \$16,433.16 from Keith Ciottariello clearing the lien as follows:

<u>Certificate #2016-3</u>	
Certificate	\$15,370.00
2% Redemption Penalty	\$ 922.20
2017 3 rd Quarter Taxes	\$ 76.92
Interest	\$ 9.04
Recording Fees	\$ 43.00
Search Fee	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
Total	\$16,433.16
Premium	\$ 2,000.00

WHEREAS, this certificate has been held by US Bank Cust for BV002 Trust and Creditors and the certificate has been received and properly signed for cancellation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector be authorized to refund, from Trust, \$18,433.16 to:

US Bank Cust for BV002 Trust & Creditors
50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Trust Check – US Bank Cust for BV002 \$18,433.16 Certificate #16-00003

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-63

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

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LIEN

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official determined that the owner of the Block 804, Lot 1, commonly known as 66 Elmwood Road, Verona, New Jersey failed to comply with the Township property maintenance code, specifically snow removal; and

WHEREAS, clean up was performed by Green Valley Landscape Design & Maintenance on behalf of the Township on March 11th totaling the amount of \$175.00; and

WHEREAS, these charges shall be imposed on the property in the form of a municipal lien for above services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 54:5-8* and to any other applicable State or Federal regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions to impose on the property commonly known as 66 Elmwood Road, Verona, New Jersey (Block 804, Lot 1) a municipal lien in the amount of the tax lien certificate (\$175.00), where upon the Tax Collector shall, within ten (10) days of encumbering of the property, send official notice of said encumbrance via certified mail, return receipt

requested and regular mail to any and all other lien holders or creditors with a secured interest in the property.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-64

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

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LIEN

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official determined that the owner of the Block 1801, Lot 1, commonly known as 6 Morningside Road, Verona, New Jersey failed to comply with the Township property maintenance code, specifically snow removal; and

WHEREAS, clean up was performed by Green Valley Landscape Design & Maintenance on behalf of the Township on March 10th totaling the amount of \$175.00; and

WHEREAS, these charges shall be imposed on the property in the form of a municipal lien for above services pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 54:5-8* and to any other applicable State of Federal regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions to impose on the property commonly known as 6 Morningside Road, Verona, New Jersey (Block 1801, Lot 1) a municipal lien in the amount of the tax lien certificate (\$175.00), where upon the Tax Collector shall, within ten (10) days of encumbering of the property, send official notice of said encumbrance via certified mail, return receipt requested and regular mail to any and all other lien holders or creditors with a secured interest in the property.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

RESOLUTION No. 2018-65

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

PERMITTING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists.

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 public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)*
 - b. Pending Litigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)*
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when said subject has been fully discussed by the Council, and the attorney rules this matter

may be brought before the public without jeopardizing any pending litigation.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Township Attorney Brian Aloia states that Board of Adjustment Appeal – Case #2017-08 has been requested to be adjourned until May 21, 2018 as the parties try to work towards a mutual agreement settlement.

Discussion on parking meter fees and the concept of electronic payment takes place. The Township Manager states that the current fees are low and recommends raising them to \$.50/half hour. There is consensus among the council therefore the Township Manager will draft an ordinance.

There is Council discussion on the Veteran's Field house. The cost to renovate the building is \$27,500 versus \$10,000 to knock it down. Roll Call Vote to remove the house is taken:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

The Township Manager requests consent from the Council to move forward in direction of the garbage ordinance drafted and sent to the Council via email for their review. After discussion is was agreed that the ordinance would be introduced at a future meeting. The Council recognized that some commercial properties may have issues complying with the ordinance given the layout of their building and property. It was also agreed upon by the Council that such properties would and could be dealt with through resolution.

Public Participation:

Walt Steinmann, 138 Hillside Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Rich Aloia, 37 Malvern Place, Verona, New Jersey
George DePaul, 29 Ozone Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Sam Zamloot, 71 Hillside Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Millicent Carnovale, 73 Personette Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Jessica Pearson, 20 Montclair Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Al DeOld, 15 Howard Street, Verona, New Jersey

Adjournment:

Council goes into Executive Session at 10:08 p.m. Motion to adjourn the public meeting at 11:03 is moved by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Councilman Roman. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next regular scheduled meeting is May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Kevin Ryan
Kevin Ryan, Mayor

APPROVED: May 7, 2018