

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, March 7, 2016 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.

Roll Call:

Mayor Kevin Ryan, Deputy Mayor Michael Nochimson; Councilman Bob Manley and Councilman Alex Roman. Township Manager Matthew Cavallo, Township Attorney Brian Aloia and Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk. Councilman Jay Sniatkowski is absent.

Mayor Ryan leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting are moved for approval by Deputy Mayor Nochimson; seconded by Councilman Roman. Vote: 4 ayes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Ryan welcomes County Liaison Jay Coltre to the lectern. Mr. Coltre presents the Council with a check in the amount of \$108,738 on behalf of the County for the Community Development Block Grant. He also announces that the two giraffes, Lincoln and Milo have arrived at the Turtle Back Zoo. They are currently quarantined and the exhibit will open to the public in the spring.

He reports he visited the fields this weekend and is happy to see progress. However, he was disturbed that access was still possible to the bleachers, which he commented, are steep and had previously expressed his concern with their safety. He recommended a gate be constructed to prevent access to the bleachers when the field is not in use.

He displays pennants he received as thanks from the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Forest Avenue School. He was invited to read to the students for Read Across America Day.

Manager's Report: Matthew Cavallo reports that the VTV bulletin board is malfunctioning and is currently offline. A call has been placed to the vendor as internal troubleshooting has been unsuccessful.

He gives an update on the fields and announces that Freedom Field will be turfed in the late spring.

The library renovation began 10 days ago with demolition. The Children's Reading Room has been relocated to the other side of the library.

Steven Neale is invited to approach the lectern by the Township Manager. He announces the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Green Fair will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 11am-4pm in the Civic Center. This year there will be food trucks and live music. He expects over 100 vendors.

Mr. Cavallo reports that he attended a meeting with the County Executive, Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr., Jim Helb and other interested parties. West Orange has proposed a residential development which would abut Howell Drive in Verona. He states that in the 1990's the town made an opinion opposing any project with access to Verona roadways.

Councilmembers' Reports:

Deputy Mayor Nochimson asks the Town Manager if Freedom Field will be lined for U-12 soccer. Mr. Cavallo responds in the affirmative. He reports that VMAC had a successful meeting with the Board of Education. Juvenile officer Joel Martin was in attendance. Many new ideas were discussed.

He asks about the status of the rock wall for the Community Center. Mr. Cavallo responds that originally the project was quoted at \$35,000 but has increased since then. He will continue to pursue the project as he plans to include the rock wall in the Capital plan this year.

The Deputy Mayor states Bob Williams has contacted him stating his desire to present properties in Verona he feels are of historic value. The Deputy Mayor asks that someone from the Township reach out to him. Mayor Ryan suggests that Mr. Williams’ concerns and ideas are best suited to go before the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Councilman Manley asks Mr. Helb if the new water tank is completed. Mr. Helb responds that the old tank will be taken down to be refurbished while the new tank is relied upon. The old tank will not be painted until the fall months. Mr. Helb reminds Council that this project is fully funded by Passaic Valley Water Commission.

Councilman Manley states he attended the Public Safety meeting with Chief Stern to discuss internet and phone scams targeting the elderly.

Councilman Roman states the Planning Board has found the Steep Slope ordinance to be consistent with the Master Plan and the ordinance will be on the next regular meeting’s agenda for second reading and public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO.4-16**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE FIRE PREVENTION ORDINANCES OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance #4-16 by title into record.

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo explains this ordinance updates the current Fire Prevention Code for the Township which is outdated.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance #4-16 is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor Nochimson.

**ROLL CALL:**  
**AYES: Manley, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan**  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSENT: Sniatkowski**

Ordinance #4-16 is approved on introduction. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on March 21, 2016.

**ORDINANCE NO.5-16**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA CHAPTER 150 THEREOF ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC BY AMNEDING SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS.**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance #5-16 by title into record.

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo explains this ordinance establishes authority to enforce traffic regulations on the new developments of Bahr Circle, Burdett Court and Rawding Court off of Durrell Street.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance #5-16 is moved by Deputy Mayor Nochimson; seconded by Councilman Roman.

**ROLL CALL:**  
**AYES: Manley, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan**  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSENT: Sniatkowski**

Ordinance #5-16 is approved on introduction. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on March 21, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO.6-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER A175-5 ENTITLED  
“RECREATION DEPARTMENTAND COMMUNITY CENTER FEES” OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance #6-16 by title into record.

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo explains that the Recreation Department received feedback of the lack of activity during the week before summer programs begin therefore, the Township is implementing a week long program after the end of school before the start of the summer programs.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance #6-16 is moved by Councilman Manley; seconded by Deputy Mayor Nochimson.

ROLL CALL:  
AYES: Manley, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: Sniatkowski

Ordinance #6-16 is approved on introduction. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on March 21, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-55

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

TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona desires to pass a Temporary Capital Budget for 2016 year,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona in the County of Essex, NJ that the 2016 Temporary Capital Budget of the Township of Verona is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Temporary Capital Budget of the Township of Verona  
County of Essex, New Jersey  
Project Scheduled for 2016

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	
			<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>
Current Fund	Acquisition and Installation of Radio and Communications System	925,000.00	44,500.00	880,500.00
Water/Sewer Utility	Acquisition and Installation of Radio and Communications System	175,000.00	0	175,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Director of Local Government Services within three days.

**ROLL CALL:**  
**AYES:** Manley, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSENT:** Sniatkowski

**ORDINANCE NO.7-16**

**GENERAL CAPITAL BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A RADIO AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$925,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$880,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance #7-16 by title into record.

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo explains this ordinance is partially funding the Township’s purchase of emergency responder radio system. The Temporary Capital Budget must be approved before the introduction of the bond ordinance.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance #7-16 is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor Nochimson.

**ROLL CALL:**  
**AYES:** Manley, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSENT:** Sniatkowski

Ordinance #7-16 is approved on introduction. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on March 21, 2016.

**ORDINANCE NO.8-16**

**WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A RADIO AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$175,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$175,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE UTILITY SHARE OF THE COST THEREOF.**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance #8-16 by title into record.

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo explains this ordinance is partially funding the Township’s purchase of emergency responder radio system.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance #8-16 is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilman Manley.

**ROLL CALL:**  
**AYES:** Manley, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSENT:** Sniatkowski

Ordinance #8-16 is approved on introduction. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on March 21, 2016.

**ORDINANCE NO.9-16**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 175-1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA THEREOF ENTITLED FEES IN ORDER TO AMEND BASIC WATER CONSUMPTION RATES AND ESTABLISH A CONTINUING SCHEDULE OF RATES.**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance #9-16 by title into record.

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo explains the last time water rates increased was in 2001. Currently, the Township has the lowest consumption rates in the area. A schedule of rate increases will eliminate reliance on the Capital surplus.

Motion for introduction of Ordinance #9-16 is moved by Councilman Manley; seconded by Councilman Roman.

**ROLL CALL:**  
**AYES:** Manley, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSENT:** Sniatkowski

Ordinance #9-16 is approved on introduction. It will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on March 21, 2016.

Consent Agenda:

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-53**

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

**RECOGNIZING MARCH 20 -26, 2016 AS NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK**

- WHEREAS**, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and
- WHEREAS**, poison centers across the country focus the public’s attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and
- WHEREAS**, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS**, approximately half of all reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; and
- WHEREAS**, the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and
- WHEREAS**, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk; and
- WHEREAS**, poison experts urge parents and caregivers to keep “single-load liquid laundry packets” out of sight and reach of young children. These products can cause serious harm if ingested; and
- WHEREAS**, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes and liquid nicotine may contain very high doses of nicotine in enticing colors, aromas, and flavors; increasing the likelihood that small children and pets will be drawn to them. These products pose serious risk of poisoning; and
- WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine of the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, provides free, expert medical advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 800-222-1222 Poison Help Hotline; and

**WHEREAS**, all services are provided free of charge, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and

**WHEREAS**, poison centers save time and money by managing most cases at home, not requiring a visit to an emergency room; and

**WHEREAS**, NJ Poison Experts encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

**WHEREAS**, NJPIES is involved with the state’s efforts in homeland defense, counter-terrorism, emergency preparedness and response, and bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings and their sources (products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and at home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine, and animal and insect bites and stings; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of poison center services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller’s home, requiring no hospital visit; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona do hereby recognize the week of March 20-26, 2016 as National Poison Prevention Week in the Township of Verona and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of the resolution to the Director of the NJ Poison Information and Education Systems.

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-54**

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

**TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, no adequate provision has been made in the 2016 Temporary Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20* provides for the creation of an Emergency Temporary Appropriation for the purpose mention above; and

**WHEREAS**, the total Emergency Temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2015 pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20* (Chapter 96, PL 1951 as amended) including this resolution total \$4,383,050.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20* an emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

**CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS**

Police OE	\$ 22,500
PERS	\$ 564,500
PFRS	\$ 797,251
Library PERS	\$ 25,000
Street/Highway OE	\$109,790

**WATER/SEWER UTILITY**

Water PFRS	\$ 50,000
Sewer PFRS	\$ 50,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2016 Budget under the title of same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to file a certified copy of the resolution with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-56**

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

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SDM PROTECTIVE SERVICES LLC FOR A  
POLICE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has a need for a management and operational efficiency study of the Verona Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township has received a proposal from the SDM Protective Consulting LLC to provide the aforementioned services; and

**WHEREAS**, SDM Protective Consulting LLC has extensive law enforcement experience and executive leadership in police departments throughout the State of New Jersey and has completed similar studies throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Manager has recommended that SDM Protective Consulting LLC be awarded a contract to provide the aforementioned services; and

**WHEREAS**, the award of the contract is being made on the basis of the merits and abilities to SDM Protective Consulting LLC pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for said services shall be \$22,500 without further authorization by the Mayor and Council; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure shall be charged to Account No. 6-01-25-240-200, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that SDM Protective Consulting LLC is hereby awarded a contract for a management and operational efficiency study of the Verona Police Department in the required contract amount of \$22,500 without further authorization by the Mayor and Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value are to be placed on file with this Resolution; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be published once in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this expenditure shall be charged to Account No. 6-01-25-240-200, or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his

designee, and the availability of funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township; and

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

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-57**

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

**APPROVAL OF PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License Number 0720-44-001-002, heretofore issued to Verona Passaic LLC for premises located at 360 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the of the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, regulations promulgated thereafter, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex does hereby approve the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution License to Hinixi LLC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is and does hereby directed to endorse the license certificate to a new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Hinixi LLC effective March 7, 2016.”

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-58**

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

**RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND TO HUNTINGTON PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Developers Agreement dated June 17, 2013 between Durrell 33, LLC and the Township of Verona has been approved for the residential development also known as Huntington Park located at Tax Map Block 72, Lot 1; and

**WHEREAS**, Durrell 33, LLC has furnished Performance Bond No. 915668 from the National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg, PA, licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$1,007,337 to guarantee the faithful completion of the project in accordance with the requirements of the Developers Agreement; and



**WHEREAS**, Durrell 33, LLC, had requested a reduction in the amount of the Performance Guaranty as permitted by the Developer’s Agreement and the Mayor and Council previously approved such reduction in the Performance Guaranty from \$1,007,337 to \$175,000 by Resolution No. 37 dated April 6, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Durrell 33, LLC, did provide a Rider to the original Performance Bond No. 915668 reducing the amount of the performance guaranty from the original amount of \$ 1,0007,337 to \$ 175,000 effective April 6, 2015;

**WHEREAS**, Durrell 33, LLC has now requested a release in total amount of the Performance Guaranty in the remaining amount of \$175,000 in accordance with the requirements of the Developer’s Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has recommended the release of the entire remaining amount of the Performance Guarantee subject to the developer submitting a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of improvements in the form of a surety bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$150,110 in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53* and *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.3* for a period of two (2) years from the date of the final acceptance of the project

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Performance Bond No. 915556 in the amount of \$175,000 submitted to guarantee the completion of the project located at Block 72, Lot 1 is hereby released in its entirety, as stipulated by the Developers Agreement and the balance of the improvements contemplated by the Developers Agreement for the development has been determined to be completed in their entirety and the Township accepts the said improvements, subject to the developer submitting a Maintenance Guaranty in the amount of \$150,110 for a period of two (2) years form the date of the adoption of this Resolution.

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-59**

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

**RESOLUTION WAIVING INTEREST ON NEW SUBDIVISION**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board approved a subdivision of Block 68 Lot 13 into four new lots 13.01, 13.02, 13.03 & 13.04, and

**WHEREAS**, the four new lots should have been billed for 2016 first and second quarter, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor failed to timely notify the Tax Collector of the lots and the appropriate assessments to be billed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has invoiced the owners of the four new lots for first and second quarters 2016 due February 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> respectively, and

**WHEREAS**, payment of first quarter taxes was due to the Tax Collector, respectively on February 1, 2016 and the property owner was not timely notified, resulting in the accrual of interest.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to waive interest due on first quarter 2016 tax payments for Block 68 Lots 13.01, 13.02, 13.03 and 13.04 if payment is received on or before the deadline for payment of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter taxes without interest penalty.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** if the first quarter 2016 payment is not received on or before the deadline payment of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter taxes without interest penalty, then interest shall be calculated as of February 1, 2016.

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-60**

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

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX DUPLICATE PAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received payment on February 5<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter taxes by Title Source for Block 55 Lot 14, property commonly known as 74 Newman Avenue, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township also received payment on February 8<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter taxes referencing the same Block and Lot by Corelogic, and

**WHEREAS**, this payment has resulted in a duplicate payment on the account, and

**WHEREAS**, Title Source has requested the refund of their payment was issued in error.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector are hereby authorized to issue a refund to Title Source, 662 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226 in the amount of \$3,101.00.

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-61**

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

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX LIEN REDEMPTION**

**WHEREAS**, property located at 46 Fairview Avenue, Block 80 Lot 24.01, owned by Khashayar & Laadan Vosough, has been held in tax lien since December 3, 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, payment was received, in the amount of \$37,212.77 from Read Properties, 4706 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11204, clearing the lien as follows:

<u>Certificate #2015-4</u>	
Certificate	15,999.76
Penalty 6%	959.99
Recording Fee	43.00
Due Diligence	<u>12.00</u>
	\$17,014.75
2015 Taxes plus Interest	\$18,586.81

2015 Water & Sewer plus Interest	\$ 350.89
6% Year End Penalty	\$ 1,093.48
2016 1Q Water & Sewer plus Interest	<u>\$ 166.84</u>
	\$37,212.77
Premium (Held in Trust)	<u>\$81,300.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,512.77</b>

WHEREAS, this certificate has been held by Blue Virgo and the certificate has been received and properly signed for cancellation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector are hereby authorized to refund, from Trust, \$118,512.77 to:

US Bank Cust for BV001 Trst & Crdtrs  
50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 2050  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

and send the cancelled certificate to: Read Properties Inc.  
4706 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11204

Trust Check – US Bank Cust for BV001	\$37,212.77	TTL #2015-6
Trust Check – US Bank Cust for BV001	\$81,300.00	Premium

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-63**

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

**PERMITTING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED 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 Mayor and 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. Personnel Matters and Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)*
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.

Resolution #2016-62 has been tabled and will be on the March 21, 2016 meeting agenda.

Public Participation:

George Stafford, 16 Kitchell Drive, Wharton, New Jersey  
Jessica Pearson, 20 Montclair Avenue, Verona, New Jersey

New Business:

Councilman Roman states he would like to discuss employee's salaries and pension benefits during the budget process but explains that Councilmen are not allowed under NJ law to discuss specific employees if they are able to be identified by job title unless those employees are notified. He reads a list of 10 employees in alphabetical order he wishes to be notified of the Council's intent to discuss their job descriptions. He states that councilmen are not able to hire and fire employees but determine funding of the budget and he would like the opportunity to discuss the structure of the department of the employee.

Council decides unanimously to have the 10 employees served with a Rice notice for the next meeting, which is a special budget hearing scheduled for March 10, 2016.

Adjournment:

Council goes into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and go into Public Session at 9:19 p.m. is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Councilman Manley. Vote: 4 ayes.

The public meeting is adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Kiernan*

Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

*Kevin Ryan*

Kevin Ryan, Mayor