



## Verona Borough

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Regular Meeting  
Verona Borough Council  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

### Members of Council

President-Pat McCarthy  
Vice President-Dr. Nancy Carpenter  
Mike Forbeck  
Janet Loalbo  
Dave Matlin  
Sylvia Provenza  
Raymon Sucheich

### Borough Manager & Treasurer

Jerry Kenna

### Solicitor

Craig Alexander

### Mayor

David Ricupero

**ZOOM -- COVID 19**

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call**

President Pat McCarthy

Dr. Carpenter

Mike Forbeck

Ms. LoAlbo

Mr. Matlin

Ms. Provenza

Mayor Ricupero

Mr. Sucheich

Mr. Pitsch

Mr. Alexander

Mr. Kenna

#### IV. **Registered Comments from the Public**

- a. Jeff Pepper, 310 5<sup>th</sup> St ([jeffpepper53@gmail.com](mailto:jeffpepper53@gmail.com)) (speak on Riverbank Park pickleball).
- b. John Brady, 541 2<sup>nd</sup> St. [fishdance@hotmail.com](mailto:fishdance@hotmail.com)

#### V. **Comments from the Public.** Please approach the podium and clearly state your name & address and limit your comments to **three (3) minutes**.

#### VI. **Reports and Correspondence**

- a. Borough Manager's Reports: Jerry Kenna
  1. Meeting Minutes
  2. Bills Payable
  3. Tax Collector & Special Taxes
  4. Treasurer's Report
  5. Police Chief's Report

6. Fire Chief Report
7. EMS Report

- b. Mayor's Report: David Ricupero
  1. Cribbs Field
  2. Police

- c. Council President's Report: Pat McCarthy
  1. Misc.

## **VII. Council Committee Reports**

- a. ENGINEER'S REPORT: Matt Pitsch

January 12, 2021

1. PA Small Water and Sewer Grant

Project completed, post work CCTV received, minor items remain.  
Reimbursement request submitted to CFA

2. First Street Reconstruction Grant

Multimodal Transportation Grant was selected \$68,050/\$390,000 total project \$458,050.  
Final paperwork approved, bid documents and final drafting finalized. Advertisement sent to paper.

3. CDBG 2019 (Year 45)

Demos on 4<sup>th</sup> St. of 866 and 870 \$6,000/\$24,000 total \$30,000

County completed asbestos surveys, demos to be advertised and bid opening scheduled with COG for 1/11/21.

4. DCED Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program Grant (GTRP)

Cribbs Field Grant was awarded for \$200,000 (\$30,000 match), project awarded to Pampena Landscaping & Construction, we are also getting a quote for him to install a field drain.  
Base Bid and all 4 Add Items awarded for total contract of \$201,750.  
Demo work beginning and materials have been ordered.  
Awaiting sketch/rendering of marquee to submit for variance.

5. CDBG 2020 (Year 46)

Sanitary lining along First Street due to road reconstruction project.

Bids opened, Jet Jack, Inc. was low bidder \$63,265. Project awarded to Jet Jack, Inc. (\$41,122.25 grant/ \$22,142.75 match), awaiting contracts from County. Update from COG was contractor was missing some paperwork. Paperwork is being corrected and work will be scheduled.

6. PA Small Water and Sewer

Applied for a comprehensive CCTV and Condition Rating of the Borough's storm sewer system. High level defects will also be prioritized and repaired as needed.

Project was funded and contracts with the CFA have been executed. Verona received the full amount requested of \$125,638 and will have a \$33,294 match.

Project specs and bid documents are being create so project can be advertised and bid.

7. Center Avenue Storm Sewer Extension

I had a meeting with Oakmont Water and Peoples Gas to locate their pipes on 8/6/20.

Project was not selected for as CDBG47 project. Project was budgeted for and will be bid in Spring.

8. CDBG 2021 (Year 47)

Pre-applications submitted to AVNCOG on 9/4  
Projects applied for include, Wildwood Culvert Repair, Alleys Reconstruction (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and North/Parker), and Demolitions of 473 Union, 558 Church and 856 2<sup>nd</sup>.

9. Tree Trimming/Pruning

The Borough request quotes for tree trimming/pruning services for several areas in the Borough due to safety concerns and for the decorative trees in the sidewalks. Beaver Jack Tree Service was the low quoter out of three at \$11,520, I recommend awarding to Beaver Jack Tree Service.  
Beaver Jack will be providing me notice once they have the work scheduled.

b. Solicitor: Mr. Craig Alexander

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c. Public Works/Refuse/Sewers: Dave Matlin

1. None

d. Ordinances: Dr. Nancy Carpenter

1. update on interim Borough Search
2. Misc.

e. Police/Fire: Mike Forbeck

1. Borough Manager Search Committee Update
2. Finalize Job Description
3. Fire and Police Response

f. Finance/Budget/Grants: Ray Suchevidch

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g. Parks/Recreation: Janet LoAlbo

1. Riverbank Park openings
2. Pickleball court gate
3. Fencing work at Riverbank corner

h. Communications: Sylvia Provenza

1. newsletter
2. Chamber of Commerce
3. Historical Society
4. Twin Boro Ministry
5. Misc.

**VIII. Reports of Special Committees**

- a. Allegheny League of Municipalities: (ALOM)-Sylvia
- b. Council of Governments: (COG)
- c. Tax Collection Committee:

**IX. Comments from the Public**

Council will hear comments on public-related items at this time. Please approach the podium and clearly state your name and address, limit your comments to **three (3) minutes**

**X. Adjourn**

**XI. Upcoming Public Meetings**

<b><i>Day and Time</i></b>	<b><i>Meeting</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday/even months @ 6:30PM The meetings will be virtual until further notice.	Parks & Rec Board Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Council Public Session
Quarterly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/month @ 6:30 (Beginning 1-12-16)	Shade Tree Commission
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Chamber Meeting
Final Tuesday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Council Work Session
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday/month @ 4:00-6:00 P.M. Methodist Church, Center Ave.	Community Dinner
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Historical Society Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 7:00 Harmarville	COG
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 6:30 PM	Lower Valley Athletic Foundation Meeting