

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2024 5:30 PM**

This Special Emergency Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 5:30 p.m. on May 14, 2024 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Rizzuto presiding.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 adequate notice of this meeting is requested to be waived because such meeting is required to deal with matters of such urgency and importance that adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; the meeting is limited to acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance. Notice of this meeting was provided by delivering same to the NJ Herald/Sunday Herald and Star Ledger on May 14, 2024 and was posted in the municipal building. It is noted the public body could not reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided. The purpose of this meeting is to approve resolution #24-151 Emergency Temporary Appropriation. Official Action will be taken.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Council Members Natalie Buccieri, Jessica DeBenedetto, William Higgins, Badley Sparta and Council President Patrick Rizzuto. Also, present were Mayor Anthony Rossi, and Municipal Clerk Marcy Gianattasio.

**Resolution #24-150:** Resolution Authorizing Emergency Meeting May 14, 2024

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to approve resolution #24-150

MOVED: Buccieri

SECOND: Sparta

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to approve resolution #24-150.

**RESOLUTION #24-150**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MEETING MAY 14, 2024**

WHEREAS, this emergency meeting has been called for the following purpose: to approve resolution #24-151 Emergency Temporary Appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the normal requirements of the law regarding 48 hours notice have not been met due to lack of time and subject matter, however notices of this Emergency Meeting were sent to the New Jersey Herald/Sunday Herald and the Star Ledger on March 14, 2024 at 2:53 p.m.

- 1) This resolution #24-151 - Emergency Temporary Appropriation, which requires immediate attention; and
- 2) The Township's position could be prejudiced by any delay in a response which would cause substantial harm to public interest as a result of a delay in holding meeting; and
- 3) The need for such adequate notice could not reasonably have been foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there should be a vote on this Emergency Meeting of 3/4ths of the members present of the Governing Body.

**Resolution #24-151: Emergency Temporary Appropriation**

Council President Rizzuto read resolution #24-151 in full.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to approve resolution #24-151

MOVED: Higgins  
SECOND: Buccieri

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto  
NAYES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

Motion carries to approve resolution #24-151.

**RESOLUTION #24-151**

**Emergency Temporary Appropriations**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen in that the Township is expected to enter in contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2024 budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2024 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for said purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, the total emergency temporary appropriation resolutions adopted in the year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total:

Current Fund: \$5,935,443.75

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of:

Current Fund

Description	Emergency Appropriations	
SCMUA-Sewer Fees	\$	698,787.75
<b>2024 TEMP EMERGENCY IN CAP APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>698,787.75</b>

2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2024 budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (For Current Agenda Items Only, Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)**

President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: Sparta  
SECOND: Buccieri

All members were in favor.

Seeing no members from the public wishing to come forward, President Rizzuto asked for a motion to close the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: Sparta  
SECOND: Higgins

All members were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:37 pm Council Member Sparta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Buccieri.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

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Patrick Rizzuto  
Council President

Minutes approved: May 30, 2024