

November 18, 2008

**APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008 7:30 P.M.**

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Nancy Herold, Brian Motola, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas, Michael Winkler

Absent: Daniel Anderson

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Interim Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Dr. Fred Spaulding, 39 Grier Road, Manchester, CT, spoke in favor of Mr. Chernack and encouraged Town Council members to support him.

Lana Vaccaro, 49 Grier Road, spoke in favor of Mr. Chernack's reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission

(7:35 PM) Citizen's forum closed

B.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:35 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "TOWN OF VERNON ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD". (A copy of the *TOWN OF VERNON ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD* Ordinance as amended at the November 6, 2008 Special Town Council meeting is included in the Council packet.)

- MAYOR MCCOY CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

(7:35 PM) Mayor McCoy called for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the motion to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The Recording Secretary read the legal notice for the record.

Mayor McCoy gave a PowerPoint presentation with information regarding the Energy Improvement District and the Energy Improvement District board. Dr. Kunz gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding how a fuel cell works.

A variety of questions were asked by the citizens of Vernon and members of the Town Council.

- ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING.

(9:23 PM) Mayor McCoy called for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

- RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

(9:23 PM) Council Member Thomas requested a 5 minute recess

(9:40 PM) Reconvened

C.) PRESENTATION

1. PRESENTATION BY JAMES KENNY, CHIEF OF POLICE, REGARDING HIS RECENT ATTENDANCE AND GRADUATION FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ACADEMY.

Mayor McCoy presented Chief Kenny with a proclamation for his successful graduation from the FBI academy. The Mayor and Town Council Members congratulated Chief Kenny on his accomplishment.

2. PRESENTATION REGARDING VERNON POLICE EXPLORERS POST 800, BY SERGEANT WILLIAM MEIER, HEAD ADVISOR.

Sergeant Meier provided Town Council Members with information regarding past and present endeavors of the Vernon Police Explorers Post 800.

Karl DeCarlie, Sergeant, Vernon Police Explorer Post 800 provided information regarding the duties and services Explorers provide to the town. He spoke about the Monday night meetings and training they receive along with ride-alongs with the officers. He asked Town Council members to provide him with any new ideas regarding services the Explorers can provide to further help the town.

Mitch Deresta, Sergeant, Vernon Police Explorers, spoke about the academy the Explorers attended, along with the different events they volunteer for such as the travelling Vietnam Wall, and Fairs such as the Wapping, Ellington Fire Department and 4-Town.

Members of the Town Council thanked them for their service.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds for Prior Years and Current Year.** (A copy of the memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue to John Ward, Interim Town Administrator dated November 10, 2008 is included in the Council packet) **Appendix A**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) TAX REFUND TOTALLING \$41.16 FOR PRIOR YEARS, AND SIX (6) TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$897.50 FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2008 TO THE INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to approve the tax refunds for prior and current years. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 2. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to enter into an agreement with The State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Grant Numbers 2007-GE-T7-0025, and 2007-GS-H7-0033 regarding State Use of Funding Granted By The Department of Homeland Security. (A copy of Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security and the Town of Vernon, DEMHS Region 3 is included in the Council packet Also included for your review is a memorandum from Michael Purcaro dated 11-01-08 and memorandum from John Ward, Interim Town Administrator dated 11-13-08)** Appendix B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF VERNON MAY ENTER INTO WITH, AND DELIVER TO, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH IT DEEMS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE; AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT JASON L. MCCOY, MAYOR OF VERNON, IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO, AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON AND TO DO AND PERFORM ALL ACTS AND THINGS WHICH HE DEEMS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS OF SUCH DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EXECUTING AND DELIVERING ALL AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS CONTEMPLATED BY SUCH DOCUMENTS.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to enter into an agreement with The State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Grant Numbers 2007-GE-T7-0025, and 2007-GS-H7-0033 regarding state use of funding granted by The Department of Homeland Security. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding entitled "Connecticut Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force". This agreement was previously signed by Christopher Clark, former Town Administrator and the paperwork was lost. (Included in your packet is a copy of the MOU and certifications required for participation. In addition, memorandum from John Ward, Interim Town Administrator dated 11-13-08).** Appendix C

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF VERNON AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, JASON L. MCCOY, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK

FORCE TO DETER, PREVENT, INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE PREDATORS WHO SEEK TO EXPLOIT OR ENGAGE MINORS IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS, ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND THE INTERNET. THE MAYOR, JASON L. MCCOY, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE SAID MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #2

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF VERNON HEREBY ADOPTS AS ITS POLICY TO SUPPORT THE NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENTS AND WARRANTIES REQUIRED UNDER CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTIONS 4a-60(a)(1) AND 4a-60a(a)(1), AS AMENDED IN STATE OF CONNECTICUT PUBLIC ACT 07-245 AND SECTIONS 9 (a)(1) AND 10(a)(1) OF PUBLIC ACT 07-142.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to authorize the Mayor, Jason L. McCoy to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding entitled "Connecticut Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force" between the Town of Vernon Police Department and the State of Connecticut Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 4. Request the Town Council send the Metro Police Service Agreement to Public Hearing on December 2, 2008. (Included is a memorandum from John D. Ward, Interim Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council dated 11-13-08 and Chief James Kenny's memorandum of 11-13-08 regarding same.)**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SEC. 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES", HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN AGREEMENT ENTITLED "METRO POLICE SERVICE AGREEMENT", AT 7:35 PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008 LOCATED AT THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to approve a Public Hearing for the "Metro Police Service Agreement" for December 2, 2008 7:35 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

E.) IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Herold made a motion to add to the agenda elevator repairs to the Town Hall elevator. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to add the Clean Energy Commitment resolution of September 2007 to the agenda. Motion failed, Council Members Etre, O'Shea, Thomas, Champagne, Motola and Campbell opposed.

(10:00 PM) Council Member Herold left the meeting

F.) PENDING BUSINESS

1. **Presentation of information regarding video surveillance for downtown public buildings as requested by the Town Council. Also included as an addition to this report is information regarding the same video surveillance at the gasoline pumps located at Public Works. This presentation will be given by Chief James Kenny, Vernon PD on behalf of the Public Safety Committee, along with Sonitrol representatives.** (Included for your review a memorandum from John Ward, Interim Town Administrator dated 11-13-08).

Chief Kenny provided information regarding his research into video surveillance systems for the gasoline pumps at Public Works and the downtown public buildings. Fran Waller and Chris from Sonitrol presented information about their systems, which are able to work with in the existing IT infrastructure where "fiber" has been installed, integrate with existing cameras and are able to be used for forensic purposes with facial recognition and license plate zoom. A proposal with some cost estimates was provided to Town Council Members. Chief Kenny will work with the Public Safety Committee to determine the costs of a complete system.

G.) NEW BUSINESS

NONE

H.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

NONE

I.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

NONE

J.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Elevator Repairs to Town Hall** (A copy of the memo from John D. Ward from November 18, 2008 was shared with Town Council Members)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 9 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE REPAIRS TO THE TOWN HALL (MEMORIAL BUILDING) ELEVATOR, AND AWARDS THE CONTRACT TO LONSDALE ELEVATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,600.00. THIS ACTION RESULTS FROM THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE REPAIRS, AND ADDRESSES A TIMELY APPROACH TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS.

Council member Etre, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the motion to waive the bid procedure for repairs to the Town Hall Elevator and awarded the contract to Lonsdale Elevator in the amount of \$14,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

K.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2008 Special Town Council Meeting. Town Administrator Ward requested a correction to the minutes on page 6 of 7, the motion for Town Property on South Street identified as parcel no. 42-0072-010D be sold for no less than \$7,000.00. The minutes should reflect that Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made the motion to sell the property located on South Street for no less than \$7,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve minutes with corrections carried unanimously.

L.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

M.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Copy of November 6, 2008 Press Release, regarding recent honors for the Vernon Conservation Commission.
2. Invitation for Council members to attend the Mayor's Holiday Celebration on December 16, 2008.
3. Senior Center Monthly Report for September and October 2008.

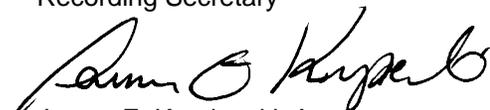
ADJOURNMENT (11:07 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: November 20, 2008

Approved: December 2, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary


James E. Krupienski, Asst.

Appendix A



TOWN OF VERNON

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OFFICE OF THE
COLLECTOR OF REVENUE
CAROL S. NELSON -CCMC

TO: John Ward, Interim Town Administrator
FROM: Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue *CSN*
DATE: November 10, 2008
SUBJECT: Refunds for Town Council Approval

CONSENT #1

PRIOR YEARS:

Emanuele, Marissa R 41.16
Assessor's Correction – Junked/Totaled

CURRENT YEAR:

Chase Auto Finance Corp 31.18
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Chase Man Auto Fin Corp 28.77
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Nissan Infiniti LT 342.47
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Toyota Lease Trust 237.40
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

VW Credit Leasing Ltd 176.53
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Washington Mutual fbo Cyr, Michael W 81.15
Paid by Taxpayer and Escrow Agent

(1) Prior Overpayments \$ 41.16
(6) Current Overpayments \$ 897.50

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Appendix B



TOWN OF VERNON

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OFFICE OF THE
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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT NUMBERS 2007-GE-T7-0025, AND 2007-GS-H7-0033

CERTIFICATION:

I, **James E. Krupieski**, the **Assistant Town Clerk** of the **Town of Vernon** do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Vernon Town Council at its duly called and held meeting on November 18, 2008, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

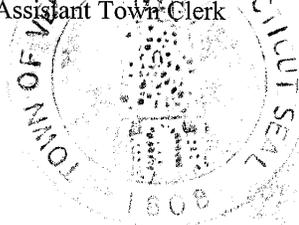
RESOLVED, that the **Town of Vernon** may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that **Jason L. McCoy** as **Mayor** of the **Town of Vernon** is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the **Town of Vernon** and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that **Jason L. McCoy** now holds the office of **Mayor** and that he has held that office since **November 12, 2007**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 4th day of December 2008.


James E. Krupieski, CCTC
Assistant Town Clerk





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TOWN OF VERNON

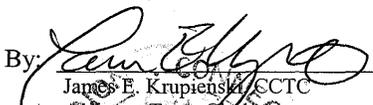
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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF
CONNECTICUT INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

I, **James E. Krupienski**, Assistant Town Clerk of the Town of Vernon, an entity lawfully organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on the 2nd day of **December, 2008** by the governing body of the Town of Vernon, in accordance with all of its documents of governance and management and the laws of the State of Connecticut, and further certify that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked, and is, at present, in full force and effect.

RESOLVED: THAT THE TOWN OF VERNON AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, JASON MCCOY, OR ACTING MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE TO DETER, PREVENT, INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE PREDATORS WHO SEEK TO EXPLOIT OR ENGAGE MINORS IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS, ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND THE INTERNET. THE MAYOR, JASON MCCOY, OR ACTING MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE SAID MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate this 4th day of December 2008.

By: 
James E. Krupienski, CTC
Assistant Town Clerk
