

December 15, 2009

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

Tuesday, December 15, 2009 7:30 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Sean O'Shea, Harry D. Thomas, Michael A. Winkler

Absent: Pauline Schaefer

Entered During Meeting:

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

C. CITIZENS FORUM

Vernon Riley, 75 Hockanum Blvd, spoke about his motor vehicle assessment. He will return for the next Regular Town Council Meeting taking place on January 5, 2010. Mayor McCoy will invite Mr. Wheeler to address Mr. Riley's issue and provide information about motor vehicle tax evaluations.

Mr. Arn and Mr. Olson from the Vernon Housing Authority presented the Town Council with a check in lieu of taxes.

Bill Smith, 30 Vernwood Drive, Thanked the Vernon Fire Department for their quick response to the fire at Vernon Congregational Church

Council Member Herbst requested the letter of agreement for the DPW Director. Mayor McCoy informed her it would be available at the next meeting.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:40 PM

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

E. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

1. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Steve Krajewski, of the Volunteer Coach Award, given to Bill Beaulieu.

Mayor McCoy and Steve Krajewski presented the "Outstanding Volunteer Coach" award to Mr. Beaulieu.

2. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Steve Krajewski, of the Organization Award, given to Vernon Greenway Volunteers.

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Mayor McCoy and Bruce Dinnie presented the "Outstanding Organization Work" award to members of Vernon Greenway.

3. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Steve Krajewski, of an Individual Award, given to Julie Marcotte.

Mayor McCoy and Bruce Dinnie presented an Individual Award to Julie Marcotte as project manager who coordinated the efforts to create a new handicapped accessible playscape at Lake Street School.

4. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Steve Krajewski, recognizing Rockville Bank Foundation, and Mr. Christopher Stauder for awards received at the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association State Conference on November 24, 2009.

Mayor McCoy and Amy Lacandre recognized Christopher Stauder who was given the statewide youth leadership for his volunteer participation in youth and teen activities as part of Vernon Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor McCoy recognized Rockville Bank for winning the statewide Organization Award, for their support to Vernon Parks and Recreation Activities including the July in the Sky, Mothers Day Dash, Friends of Valley Falls and more.

5. Mayor McCoy to discuss with the Town Council the Mandate Panel recently formed by M. Jodi Rell, Governor of Connecticut, to assist with her Deficit Mitigation Plan.

Mayor McCoy provided an update as to the outcome of his participation on the Governor's Mandate Panel. He thanked Town Council Members and Department Heads for their suggestions, which were incorporated into a position paper of recommendations submitted to the Governor. Council Member Herbst requested the Town Council submit a letter with the recommendations to the elected officials. Mayor McCoy will write up a draft and circulate via e-mail to Town Council Members for their comments.

Mr. Patel and Mr. Green from Spring Hill Suites were available to answer questions from Town Council Members. Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst recommended Mayor McCoy look into an abatement policy.

F. ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to approve consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Krupienski pulled consent agenda item #5 for discussion. Council Member Motola pulled consent agenda item #6 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda items 1-4 as presented.

C 1. Request for Tax Refunds Prior Years and Current Year.

(A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated December 4, 2009 is included in the Council packet.)
Appendix A

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOUR (4) TAX REFUND TOTALING \$ 780.61 FOR PRIOR YEARS AND THREE (3) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$ 165.71 FOR

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THE CURRENT YEAR AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED DECEMBER 4, 2009.

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

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve the following Budget Amendments #9 and #10 for fiscal year 2009-2010, as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.** (A copy of the budget amendment request is included in the Council's packet.) **Appendix B**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS #9 and #10 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010, AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY JAMES LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve budget amendments #9 and 10 for fiscal year 2009 – 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Doreen M. Evans (D), 56 Thomas Street #3 , Vernon, CT as the Parking Violation Hearing Officer, said term to commence on January 1, 2010 and ends on December 31, 2012.** (A copy of Ms. Evan's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE III "PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING", SEC. 13-39 "FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS" § (e), THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DOREEN M. EVANS (D), 56 THOMAS STREET #3 , VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS THE PARKING VIOLATION HEARING OFFICER, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to reappoint Doreen M. Evans as the Parking Violations Hearing Officer for a term of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Raymond Larkin, (D) 325 Kelly Road C-12, Vernon, CT as a member of the Senior Center Advisory Committee, said term to begin December 16, 2009 and expire June 30, 2010.** (A copy of Mr. Larkin's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND LARKIN, (D) 325 KELLY ROAD C-12, VERNON, CT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 16, 2009 AND EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2010.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Raymond Larkin as a member of the

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Senior Center Advisory Committee for a term of December 16, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

G. IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None

H. PENDING BUSINESS

None

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion relative to a verbal request by Council Member Campbell at the December 1, 2009 meeting regarding the Ambulance Reports received by the Town Council each month.** (Chief William Call and EMS Coordinator Jean Gauthier will be present for the discussion.)

Chief Call and Jean Gauthier, Supervisor of Ambulances were available to answer questions regarding the monthly ambulance reports. Discussion took place. Council Member Campbell thanked Ms. Gauthier for the addition of response times to the Monthly EMS Report (Information item #1). He also requested adding the longest response time to the report.

- 2. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Safety, Division of the State Police, Bureau of Communications and Technology.** (A copy of a memorandum from Major Philip Halibozek, Commanding Officer to Chief James L. Kenny, Chief of Police, Town of Vernon dated November 24, 2009 is included in the packet.) **Appendix C**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THAT JASON L. MCCOY, THE MAYOR OF VERNON BE AND HEREWITH AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONNECTICUT LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA EXCHANGE (CLEDES).

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the above motion to authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Safety, Division of the State Police, Bureau of Communications and Technology. Motion carried unanimously.

J. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

K. ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

None

L. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, Pulled consent items from (f) and pulled items from (o) informational items, etc.

- C 5 Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Gordon Gibson, (R), 836 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Ethics, said term to commence on December 16, 2009 and ends on November 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Gibson's resume is included for Council's review.)

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PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 – 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF GORDON GIBSON (R), 836 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID NEW TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 16, 2009 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Gordon Gibson as a regular member of the Board of Ethics, for a term of December 16, 2009 through November 30, 2014. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Krupienski and Winkler opposed, Council Member Herbst abstained.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion for a 9:00 PM curfew. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 6** **Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Pierre Lisee, (R), 210 Skinner Road, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics, said term to commence on December 16, 2009 and ends on November 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Lisee's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 – 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PIERRE LISEE, (R), 210 SKINNER ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 16, 2009 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made the above motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Pierre Lisee as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics for a term of December 16, 2009 through November 30, 2014. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Herbst and Krupienski abstained.

M. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2009 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 Regular Town Council meeting. Council Member Krupienski requested a correction to Mr. Chernack's name under Citizen's Forum. Motion with corrections carried, Council Member Hany abstained.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, Petitions, communications, correspondence, reports not requiring action:

- I. Monthly Report EMS Ambulance for November 2009, dated December 2, 2009, submitted by Jean Gauthier, Coordinator.

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2. The Town Council meeting Schedule for 2010, as provided by John D. Ward, Town Administrator.
3. Memorandum of Decision, dated December 3, 2009 from Tolland Superior Court regarding Diamond 67 LLC v Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Vernon.
4. Monthly Report from Vernon Police Department dated November 2009.
5. Monthly Report from Building Department as submitted by B. Peter Hobbs, Building Official.

Adjourn (8:57 PM)

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: December 18, 2010

Approved: January 5, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle
Assistant Town Clerk

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Appendix A



TOWN OF VERNON

8 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CT 06066
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OFFICE OF THE
COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

TO: John Ward, Town Administrator
FROM: Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue
DATE: December 4, 2009
SUBJECT: Refunds for Town Council Approval

PRIOR YEARS:

Nissan Infiniti LT	263.26
Assessor's Correction- Sold Vehicle	
Nissan Infiniti LT	371.13
Assessor's Correction- Sold Vehicle	
Patel Yatin	7.44
Taxpayer paid too much	
Wallace Razulallah O	138.78
Assessor's Correction _ Junked Vehicle	

CURRENT YEAR:

Bard Priscilla D or Carl F	13.13
Taxpayer paid too much	
Khoso Jamil A	39.19
Assessor's Correction- Sold Vehicle	
Nissan Infiniti LT	113.39
Assessor's Correction- Sold Vehicle	

(4) Prior Overpayments	\$780.61
(3) Current Overpayments	\$165.71

Cc: James Luddecke

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Appendix B

Budget Amendment Request

Total Amount Requested: \$300.00 Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010 Date: December 15, 2009

To: Finance Officer From (Department): Engineering Administrative Services Amendment #: 9

Type of Amendment (X): Additional Appropriation Pass-Through Transfer

Request is hereby submitted for amendment(s) of budget as indicated.

Department	Account Description	Org Code	Object	Amount
FROM:				
Fund Balance		100	31200	300.00
"FROM" Subtotal:				\$ 300.00

Department	Account Description	Org Code	Object	Amount
TO:				
1. Engineering Administrative Services	Copy supplies	10341214	56040	300.00
2.				
3.				
4.				
"TO" Subtotal:				\$ 300.00

COMMENTS CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST

No. 1. The printing of specifications and plans for the Talcottville Enhancement Project were prepared by the Town's Engineering Department. At present, expenditures incurred have amounted to \$256.53. Prospective bidders were required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit for the plans. Approximately 20 plans were requested, depositing \$1,000.00 to the General Fund. The receipt of the \$1,000.00 is in addition to the original revenue estimates of the General Fund. The Engineering department has requested a portion of these receipts to replenish their copy supply account. This is a "PASS THROUGH" additional appropriation.

	1	2	3	4
Balance in account for which funds are requested:	100.00			
Original appropriation in account:	100.00		-	
Plus or minus prior amendments:	-		-	
Amount of appropriation to date:	100.00	-	-	-

James M. Luddecke  December 9, 2009
Department Head **Signature** **Date**

At a meeting of the Town Council held on _____ the above request(s) was/were approved in the amount of: _____
 Signature of Town Administrator: _____

AppendixB(cont)

Budget Amendment Request

Total Amount Requested: \$ 3316. Date: 12-07-09 FY 09-10

To: Finance Officer	From:(Department) Elections - Registrars of Voters	Amendment # 10
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Request is hereby submitted for amendment(s) of budget as indicated.

Department	Account Description	Org Code	Object	Amount
FROM:				
1 Elections	Ballot Preparation	10113131	55505	3316.

Department	Account Description	Org Code	Object	Amount
TO:				
1. Elections	Payroll	10113131	51094	2901.
2. Elections	Custodial Fees	10113131	55090	150.
3. Elections	Food	10113131	56300	265.
4.				

COMMENTS CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST

- Additional Appropriation
- Pass-Through
- Transfer

#1 Need money to meet the payroll - unfunded mandate audit unexpected of 2 districts after the Election.

#2 Not budgeted for correct amount. Usually the fees are lower. We should have a key we can use for election Day. Janitors do nothing for us in early AM.

#3 Added Audits put us over our budget.

	1	2	3	4
Balance in account for which funds are requested:	- 2901.	- 150.	- 265.	
Original appropriation in account:	13000.	600.	900.	
Plus or minus prior amendments:	-	-	-	
Amount of appropriation to date:	13,000	600	900	

DEPARTMENT HEAD
Beaudreau & Noblet

J.A.B.
SIGNATURE
Judith A Beaudreau

Digitally signed by Judith A Beaudreau
DN: CN = Judith A Beaudreau, C = US, O = ROWAC, OU =
Cash/Personnel Corporation
Reason: I attest to the accuracy and integrity of this document
Date: 2009.07.08 10:25:46 -0400

DATE:
04-29-09 12-07-09

At a meeting of the Town Council held on _____, the above request(s) was/were approved in the amount of \$ _____ Town Administrator: _____

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Appendix C



TOWN OF VERNON

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OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK
BERNICE K. DIXON, CCTC; CMC
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS
CLERK OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION

I, Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk of the Town of Vernon, duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of the Town of Vernon, hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Vernon held on December 15, 2009 and that said resolution has not been amended, rescinded or revoked and remains in full force and effect.

RESOLVED: That Jason L. McCoy, the Mayor of Vernon be and herewith authorized to execute a memorandum of understanding on behalf of the Town of Vernon with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police for participation in the Connecticut Law Enforcement Data Exchange (CLEDES).

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Vernon this 16th day of December, A.D. 2009.

Bernice K. Dixon
Name Bernice K. Dixon
Town Clerk

AFFIX TOWN SEAL HERE

