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**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

**March 31, 2014 7:30 PM**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Virginia Gingras, Julie Clay, Brian Motola, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Steve Peterson, Bill Campbell, John Kopec, Michael Winkler and Ann Letendre

**Absent:**

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

**C) CITIZENS FORUM**

**None**

**D.) PRESENTATION**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 29, 2014 meeting.

**E.) BUDGET REVIEW**

1. Recreation Administration
2. Recreation Public Celebration
3. Recreation – Parks Maintenance
4. Recreation Programs Account
5. Invasive Aquatic Plant Management
6. Police
7. School Crossing Guards
8. Traffic Authority
9. Data Processing Center
10. Data Processing
11. Executive and Administration
12. Law

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

**Recreation- Administration**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 9 page 218, account 10560250, in the amount of \$371,759, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Dinnie and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 9 page 218, account 10560250, in the amount of \$371,759, motion carried unanimously.

**Recreation- Public Celebration**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 9 page 225, account 10560253, in the amount of \$13,500, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Dinnie and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 9 page 225, account 10560253, in the amount of \$13,500, motion carried unanimously.

**Recreation- Park Maintenance**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 9 page 227, account 10560254, in the amount of \$640,903, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Dinnie and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 9 page 227, account 10560254, in the amount of \$640,903, motion carried unanimously.

**Recreation- Programs Account**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 12 page 296, account 26560444, in the amount of \$678,464, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Dinnie and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 12 page 296, account 26560444, in the amount of \$678,464, motion carried unanimously.

**Invasive Aquatic Plant Management**

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open tab 9 page 243, account 10570268, in the amount of \$19,000, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Dinnie and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 9 page 243, account 10570268, in the amount of \$19,000, motion carried unanimously.

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**Police**

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6 page 83, account 10230180, in the amount of \$6,026,990, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police James Kenny and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to reduce \$7,000 from 56260 Automotive Fuel- Gasoline, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to reduce \$53 from 57720 Computer Software, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6 page 83, account 10230180, in the amount of \$6,019,937, motion carried unanimously.

**School Crossing Guards**

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 6 page 97, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police James Kenny and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 6 page 97, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120, motion carried unanimously.

**Traffic Authority**

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 6 page 99, account 10230182, in the amount of \$330,000, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police James Kenny and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 6 page 99, account 10230182, in the amount of \$330,000, motion carried unanimously.

**Data Processing Center**

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 12 page 326, account 51617710, in the amount of \$1,649,913, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Information and Communication Technology, Bob Sigan and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to reduce 55650 Conference Fees and Memberships by \$1,000 (\$500 Town of Vernon and \$500 Board of Education), motion carried unanimously

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to reduce 56030 Stationary and Paper by \$800, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to extend curfew, motion carried 10 in favor and 1 against. Motion carries.

**Data Processing**

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 70, account 10117160, in the amount of \$997,165, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Information and Communication Technology, Bob Sigan and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to reduce 58800 Other finances use- transfers out by \$900, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 70, account 10117160, in the amount of \$996,265, motion carried unanimously.

**Executive and Administration**

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 7, account 10112120, in the amount of \$684,995, motion carried unanimously.

Town Administrator John Ward and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to reduce the account 55500 by \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 7, account 10112120, in the amount of \$684,495, motion carried unanimously

**Law**

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 15, account 10112121, in the amount of \$137,000, motion carried unanimously.

Town Administrator John Ward and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 15, account 10112121, in the amount of \$137,000, motion carried unanimously.

**F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to recess the meeting until Monday, April 1, 2014 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

**G.) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO April 1, 2014.**

**Received:**

**Approved:**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Danielle Forand  
Recording Secretary**