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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

March 30, 2017 7:00 PM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson and Virginia Gingras

Absent: Kim Appleyard

Entered During Meeting: Ann Letendre at 7:01 PM

Also Present: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

7:01 PM RECESS; 7:05 PM RECONVENED

C) PUBLIC HEARING (7:05 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2017-2018 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.

- *MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS*
- *CLERK READ THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD*
- *MAYOR CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVED COMMENTS*
- *ADJOURNED THE PUBLIC HEARING*
- *RETURNED TO THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA*

7:07 PM Closed Public Hearing

D.) PRESENTATION

James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer, spoke to the Council on the inactivity of the State of Connecticut with regard to the state budget.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2017-2018 for various departments, divisions, and organizations to include:

1. Education
2. Education – Capital Improvements
3. Public Works - Administration
4. Public Works – General Maintenance
5. Public Works – Equipment Maintenance
6. Public Works – Maintenance of Government Buildings

7. Public Works – Snow Removal
8. Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal
9. Public Works - Recycling
10. Public Works – Condominium Refuse
11. Public Works – Tree Warden
12. Public Works – Leaf Collection
13. Center 375

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

Education

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 12 page 162, account 10990330, in the amount of \$52,687,845, motion carried unanimously.

Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools spoke on the mission, vision, goals and budget of the Vernon School System. He, along with Michael Purcaro, Director of Business and Finance, and Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 12 page 162, account 10990330, in the amount of \$52,687,845, motion carried unanimously.

Education – Capital Improvements

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 11 page 158, account 10780291, in the amount of \$0, motion carried unanimously. No discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 11 page 158, account 10780291, in the amount of \$0, motion carried unanimously.

8:12 PM RECESS; 8:25 PM RECONVENED

Public Works – Administration

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 78, account 10340200, in the amount of \$703,384, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 78, account 10340200, in the amount of \$703,384, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – General Maintenance

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 82, account 10340201, in the amount of \$1,330,202, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 82, account 10340201, in the amount of \$1,330,202, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Equipment Maintenance

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 86, account 10340202, in the amount of \$762,957, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 86, account 10340202, in the amount of \$762,957, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Maintenance of Government Buildings

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 90, account 10340203, in the amount of \$810,657, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 90, account 10340203, in the amount of \$810,657, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Snow Removal

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 94, account 10340204, in the amount of \$186,970, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 94, account 10340204, in the amount of \$186,970, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 96, account 10340205, in the amount of \$1,031,720, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 96, account 10340205, in the amount of \$1,031,720, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Recycling

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to open tab 7 page 99, account 10340206, in the amount of \$339,772, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 7 page 99, account 10340206, in the amount of \$339,772, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Condominium Refuse

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to open tab 7 page 102, account 10340207, in the amount of \$4,803, motion carried unanimously. No discussion took place.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 7 page 102, account 10340207, in the amount of \$4,803, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Tree Warden

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 103, account 10340208, in the amount of \$15,150, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 103, account 10340208, in the amount of \$15,150, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Leaf Collection

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 104, account 10340209, in the amount of \$113,175, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 104, account 10340209, in the amount of \$113,175, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Center 375

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 12 page 191, account 42340704, in the amount of \$527,470, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 12 page 191, account 42340704, in the amount of \$527,470, motion carried unanimously.

H.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

9:19 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush moved to recess the meeting until 9:00 AM Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **RECESSED REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 1, 2017.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary