

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

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April 1, 2017 9:00 AM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent:**

**Entered During Meeting:**

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

**C) CITIZEN'S FORUM**

No one spoke at Citizen's Forum.

**D.) PRESENTATION**

There were no comments or updates by Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer.

**E.) BUDGET REVIEW**

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

1. Police
2. School Crossing Guards
3. Traffic Authority
4. Animal Control
5. Dog License Account
6. Senior Center
7. Cemetery Operations
8. Vernon Cemetery Commission
9. Youth Services
10. Town Clerk
11. Town Council
12. Administration
13. Law
14. Registration
15. Elections – General
16. Elections – Primary
17. Elections - Referendum

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

**Police**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 6 page 51, account 10230180, in the amount of \$6,271,032, motion carried unanimously.

James Kenny, Chief of Police, John Kelley, Police Captain, and James Luddecke, Finance Officer, answered questions. Discussion took place.

9:49 AM Council Member Clay left the table.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 6 page 51, account 10230180, in the amount of \$6,271,032, motion carried with 11 in favor, Council Member Clay away from the table at the time of the vote.

**School Crossing Guards**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 6 page 58, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120, motion carried with 11 in favor, Council Member Clay away from the table at the time of the vote.

James Kenny, Chief of Police, answered questions. Discussion took place.

9:51 AM Council Member Clay returned.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to close tab 6 page 58, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120, motion carried unanimously.

**Traffic Authority**

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 6 page 59, account 10230182, in the amount of \$356,000, motion carried unanimously. No discussion took place.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 6 page 59, account 10230182, in the amount of \$356,000, motion carried unanimously.

**Animal Control**

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 6 page 73, account 10233188, in the amount of \$134,911, motion carried unanimously.

Craig Segar, Animal Control Officer, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 6 page 73, account 10233188, in the amount of \$134,911, motion carried unanimously.

**Dog License Account**

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to open tab 12 page 163, account 22233410, in the amount of \$33,818, motion carried unanimously.

Craig Segar, Animal Control Officer, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 12 page 163, account 22233410, in the amount of \$33,818, motion carried unanimously.

**Senior Center**

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 8 page 126, account 10457242, in the amount of \$137,412, motion carried unanimously.

Sela Saunders, Senior Center Director, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 8 page 126, account 10457242, in the amount of \$137,412, motion carried unanimously.

**Cemetery Operations**

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to open tab 12 page 171, account 23342420, in the amount of \$329,017, motion carried unanimously.

Alan West, Cemetery Superintendent, answered questions. Discussion took place.

10:18 AM Council Member Campbell left the table.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 12 page 171, account 23342420, in the amount of \$329,017, motion carried with 11 in favor, Council Member Campbell away from the table at the time of the vote.

**Vernon Cemetery Commission**

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 10 page 161, account 10826302, in the amount of \$206,954, motion carried with 11 in favor, Council Member Campbell away from the table at the time of the vote. No discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 10 page 161, account 10826302, in the amount of \$206,954, motion carried with 11 in favor, Council Member Campbell away from the table at the time of the vote.

**Youth Services**

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 8 page 123, account 10456241, in the amount of \$217,894, motion carried with 11 in favor, Council Member Campbell away from the table at the time of the vote. No discussion took place.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 8 page 123, account 10456241, in the amount of \$217,894, motion carried with 11 in favor, Council Member Campbell away from the table at the time of the vote.

10:23 AM Council Member Campbell returned.

**Town Clerk**

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 34, account 10115150, in the amount of \$267,760, motion carried unanimously.

Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk, answered questions. Discussion took place.

10:33 AM Council Member Motola left the table; 10:36 AM Council Member Motola returned

10:37 AM RECESS; 10:52 AM RECONVENED

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to close tab 5 page 34, account 10115150, in the amount of \$267,760, motion carried unanimously.

**Town Council**

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 1, account 10110110, in the amount of \$12,165, motion carried unanimously. No discussion took place.

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**Executive and Administration**

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 4, account 10112120, in the amount of \$722,534, motion carried unanimously.

John Ward, Town Administrator, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 4, account 10112120, in the amount of \$722,534, motion carried unanimously.

**Law**

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 9, account 10112121, in the amount of \$167,000, motion carried unanimously.

John Ward, Town Administrator, and Mayor Daniel Champagne, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 5 page 9, account 10112121, in the amount of \$167,000, motion carried unanimously.

**Registration**

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 10, account 10113130, in the amount of \$80,285, motion carried unanimously.

John Anderson and Chris Prue, Registrars of Voters, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 10, account 10113130, in the amount of \$80,285, motion carried unanimously.

**Elections - General**

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 13, account 10113131, in the amount of \$34,400, motion carried unanimously.

John Anderson and Chris Prue, Registrars of Voters, and Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 13, account 10113131, in the amount of \$34,400, motion carried unanimously.

**Elections - Primary**

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 15, account 10113132, in the amount of \$1, motion carried unanimously. No discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 15, account 10113132, in the amount of \$1, motion carried unanimously.

**Elections - Referendum**

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 17, account 10113133, in the amount of \$6,500, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniel Champagne answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 17, account 10113133, in the amount of \$6,500, motion carried unanimously.

H.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

11:16 AM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Appleyard moved to recess the meeting until 7:00 PM Monday, April 3, 2017 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **RECESSED REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 3, 2017.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary