

March 28, 2020

APPROVED VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
VERNON, CT

CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099
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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 - 9:00AM

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the virtual meeting to order at 9:02AM.

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B.) ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola Julie Clay, Michael Wendus, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque

Absent:

Entered During Virtual Meeting:

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Finance Officer and Treasurer Jeffrey O'Neill, Recording Secretary Kathleen Minor

C.) CITIZENS FORUM

Susan Mason, 183 Reservoir Road, spoke regarding her support for the Cornerstone Foundation, it does a lot of good and hopes it can continue to function during these difficult times.

D.) PRESENTATION

There were no updates or presentations.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

4. Probate – Tab 4, Page 5, Code 10111112, \$13,655

Honorable Elisa H Bartlett, Judge of the Court of Probate, presented budget summary and answered questions. Council Member Motola asked for a break-down of expenses. Judge Bartlett will provide to Administration. Discussion ensued.

Reverend Karen Roy-Guglielmi, Chairperson of the Human Services Commission introduced herself to the Town Council and gave an overview of budget recommendations.

5. Hockanum Valley Community Council – Tab 7, Page 229, Code 10456222, \$182,000

David O'Rourke, Hockanum Valley Community Council CEO spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to increase the Hockanum Valley Community Council budget by \$10,000 in order to increase food pantry purchases. David O'Rourke, Hockanum Valley Community Council CEO spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued. Motion failed with roll call vote, 2 in favor and 9 opposed.

6. Child Guidance Clinic – Tab 7, Page 233, Code 10456223, \$3,500

Lauren Schempp, Vice President of Administration of Community Child Guidance Clinic spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

7. KIDSAFE CT – Exchange Club – Tab 7, Page 237, Code 10456224, \$1,500

Robin Kohler, Site Director at KIDSAFE, spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

8. MARC, Inc., of Manchester – Tab 7, Page 241, Code 10456226, \$3,000

Kevin Zingler, President and CEO and Mary-Ellen Callahan, Development Director spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Gessay made a motion to add \$2,000 back to the 2020-2021 proposed budget for MARC, Inc. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. Cornerstone Foundation Inc. – Tab 7, Page 245, Code 10456227, \$5,500

Sharon Redfern, Executive Director, spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

~~10. Connecticut Legal Services~~

11. Hartford Interval House – Tab 7, Page 249, Code 10456232, \$2,500

Karen Roy-Guglielmi, Chairman of the Human Services Advisory Commission spoke and answered questions. Michelle Hill, Interim Director of Social Services and Director of Youth Services answered questions. Discussion ensued.

12. YWCA Sexual Assault Services – Tab 7, Page 253, Code 10456235, \$2,000

Kenisha Farquharson, Program Director for the YMCA New Britain Sexual Assault Crisis Program spoke about budget and programs supported. No discussion.

13. Historical Society – Tab 8, Page 295, Code 10562261, \$7,000

Bob Hurd, Treasurer of the Vernon Historical Society spoke about budget and programs. No discussion.

15. Greater Hartford Transit District – Tab 4, Page 85, Code 10116158, \$4,689

Mayor Daniel Champagne spoke about the budget and services. No discussion.

14. North Central District Health Department – Tab 7, Page 223, Code 10455220, \$136,845

Patrice Sulik, Director of Health of the North Central District Health Department, presented budget and answered questions. The Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2020-

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2021 was distributed to the Council via electronic mail – See Exhibit A attached.
Discussion ensued.

16. Arts Commission – Tab 8, Page 291, Code 10562260, \$4,440

No discussion.

1. Social Services – Tab 7, Page 257, Code 10456240, \$265,628

Michelle Hill, Interim Director of Social Services and Director of Youth Services presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

2. Youth Services – Tab 7, Page 261, Code 10456241, \$254,053

Michelle Hill, Interim Director of Social Services and Director of Youth Services, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

3. Senior Center – Tab 7, Page 265, Code 10457242, \$363,112

Maureen Gabriele, Senior Center Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to remove object code 57612, Bus/Transport Vehicles in the amount of \$46,195 from the Senior Center 2020-2021 budget. Mayor Champagne spoke. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously with roll call vote.

F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION

None

G.) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 30, 2020

12:21PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on March 30, 2020 at 7:00PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Received: May 13, 2020

Approved: May 19, 2020

Respectfully Submitted.



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary