

April 2, 2020

APPROVED VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
VERNON, CT

CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099
MEETING ID: 970 460 609 PASSWORD: 0402

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020 7:00PM

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the virtual meeting to order at 7:01PM.

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B.) ROLL CALL

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

Absent:

Entered During Virtual Meeting:

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

C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Maryann Levesque, 183 Bolton Road, requested the Mayor and Town Council put a hiring freeze with no new positions for all departments excluding Police and Ambulance Department. Due to COVID-19, feels there is a hard time coming and that the Town can do with what we have now.

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne stated that the IT Director may not be available for the budget meeting on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Mayor Champagne asked that if any Council Member has budget questions for that department to please send them to Administration on Friday, April 3, 2020.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

- 2. Rockville Public Library – Tab 8, Page 299, Code 10562262, \$832,596**
Jennifer Johnston, Library Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
- 3. Recreation Administration – Tab 8, Page 271, Code 10560250, \$355,121**
Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
- 4. Recreation Public Celebration – Tab 8, Page 275, Code 10560253, \$23,000**
Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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5. **Recreation Parks Maintenance – Tab 8, Page 279, Code 10560254, \$852,203**
Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
6. **Recreation Program Account – Tab 11, Page 385, Code 26560444, \$827,594**
Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
7. **Invasive Aquatic Plant Management – Tab 8, Page 287, Code 10570268, \$14,000**
Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
8. **Engineering – Tab 6, Page 219, Code 10341214, \$246,281**
David Smith, Town Engineer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
9. **Public Works – Administration – Tab 6, Page 159, Code 10340200, \$696,636**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
10. **Public Works – General Maintenance – Tab 6, Page 165, Code 10340201, \$1,577,209**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
11. **Public Works – Equipment Maintenance – Tab 6, Page 173, Code 10340202, \$796,637**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
12. **Public Works – Maintenance of Gov’t Buildings – Tab 6, Page 181, Code 10340203, \$947,612**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. No discussion.
13. **Public Works – Snow Removal – Tab 6, Page 189, Code 10340204, \$244,826**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
14. **Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal – Tab 6, Page 195, Code 10340205, \$1,270,973**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. No discussion.
15. **Public Works – Recycling – Tab 6, Page 201, Code 10340206, \$366,487**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
16. **Public Works – Condominium Refuse – Tab 6, Page 207, Code 10340207, \$6,216**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. No discussion.
17. **Public Works – Tree Warden – Tab 6, Page 211, Code 10340208, \$17,150**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. No discussion.

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18. **Public Works – Leaf Collection – Tab 6, Page 215, Code 10340209, \$117,067**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
19. **Center 375 – Tab 11, Page 407, Code 42340704, \$462,135**
Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented budget summary and answered questions. No Discussion

Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented the Capital Improvement Projects requested for the second replacement of the Town Fueling Station in the amount of \$250,000 and the repointing of Center 375 for \$95,000. Mayor Champagne spoke. Discussion ensued.

F.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

None

G.) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 4, 2020**

10:11PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on April 4, 2020 at 9:00AM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Received: May 13, 2020

Approved: May 19, 2020

Respectfully Submitted.



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary