

April 6, 2020

**APPROVED VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**VERNON, CT**

CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099  
MEETING ID: 666 145 695 PASSWORD: 0406

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020 7:00PM**

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

**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:** Jim Tedford, Steve Wakfield

**Entered During Virtual Meeting:** Steve Wakefield, Jim Tedford

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

**C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM**

None

**D.) PRESENTATION**

Mayor Champagne stated that this is the final meeting and that all accounts are still open.

7:05PM Council Member Wakefield entered the virtual meeting.

7:09PM Council Member Tedford entered the virtual meeting

**E.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING DISCUSSION OR ACTION**

**1. Revenue**

Finance Officer and Treasurer Jeffrey O'Neill, reported various updates to the Town Council including that an updated Senior Center Budget and the Cemetery income was sent to all Council Members via email. The final budget request is now \$94,100,096 and that reflects a \$679,186 (.727%) increase and results in no MIL rate increase.

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Clay, made a motion to add under Tab 7, page 265, Senior Center, Code 10457242, object code 51730 the part-time wages receptionist position in the amount of \$15,514. Mayor Champagne spoke and explained this was omitted on original budget submission and will not increase the overall budget. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously with roll call vote.

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2. Opportunity for Town Council Members to add or delete from the Mayor's proposed budget.

Council Member Levesque, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to remove under Tab 7, page 267, Senior Center Code 10457242 object code 51030 the Assistant Program Coordinator position in the amount of \$16,224. Maureen Gabriele, Senior Center Director, answered questions. Discussion ensued. Motion denied by roll call vote 1 in favor (Levesque), 10 opposed.

Council Member Levesque made a motion to remove Tab 6, page 168, Public Works General Maintenance Code 10340201, object code 51010, Maintainer Mason for \$65,000. No second, motion fails.

Council Member Levesque made a motion to remove Tab 8, page 282, Parks Maintenance Code 10560254 object code 51010, Parks Maintainer for \$47,590. No second, motion fails.

**F.) FINALIZE BUDGET**

**APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$31,489,755**; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$8,093,449**; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$54,516,892**, FOR A TOTAL GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF **\$94,100,096**.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to approve the Town of Vernon General Government appropriations in the amount of \$31,489,755, the Capital Improvements and Debt Service budget in the amount of \$8,093,449 and the Education Budget in the amount of \$54,516,892 for a total general fund total of \$94,100,096. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$94,100,096** TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF **\$94,100,096**, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUE AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to approve the total estimated revenue in the amount of \$94,100,096 to coincide with the total recommended appropriations of \$94,100,096 and to authorize the Finance Officer to adjust line items in the estimated revenue as may be deemed necessary. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR PRESENTATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/TOWN MEETING:**

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THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE AND PRESENT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$94,100,096** TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR **TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 AT 7:00 PM** TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE. ALL PARTIES MUST CALL IN **1-929-205-6099, MEETING ID 374 542 721; PASSWORD 0428**. SAID ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TELECONFERENCE IN FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE OF ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AT 70 LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, WHEREIN QUALIFIED ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED PROPERTY OWNERS WILL DRIVE UP, REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLE TO VOTE IN A SECURE DRIVE-THROUGH MANNER. ACCOMODATIONS FOR WALK-UP VOTING WILL BE MADE AS WELL. VOTING SHALL CONCLUDE AT 8:30 PM. ALL PARTIES MUST PRESENT A CURRENT PHOTO ID THEN VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE BY SHOW OF HAND. THE TOWN CLERK IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PUBLISH A SUMMARY OF SAID PROPOSED BUDGET AND ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY ESTIMATES SHOWING ANTICIPATED REVENUES BY MAJOR SOURCES AND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS BY FUNCTION AND/OR DEPARTMENTS AND THE AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION, AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to approve and present the budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to the electors and qualified taxpayers at the Public Hearing/Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 28, 2020 at 7:00PM to be held via teleconference. All parties must call in at 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID 374 542 721, password 0428. Said annual town meeting will take place at the conclusion of the teleconference in front of the auditorium entrance of Rockville High School at 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon Connecticut wherein qualified electors and qualified property owners will drive up, remain in their vehicle to vote in a secure drive-through manner. Accommodations for walk-up voting will be made as well. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

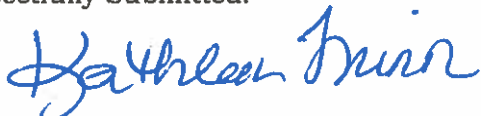
**Adjourn (7:30PM)**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Received: May 13, 2020

Approved: May 19, 2020

Respectfully Submitted.



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary