

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

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March 24, 2012 – 9:00 AM

Mayor George Apel called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Bill Campbell, Thomas DiDio, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Thomasina Russell, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger, and Michael Winkler

**Absent:** Virginia Gingras

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

**C.) PUBLIC HEARING**

**Open Public Hearing (9:05 PM)**

Mayor Apel called the public hearing to order to receive comments and answer any questions from the public. The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

Public comments:

Nancy Krupienski, 59 Deerfield Drive – spoke in favor of the Board of Education budget and advocated for the \$120,000 to be added back in.

**Close Public Hearing (9:14 PM)**

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to return to the special town council budget meeting.

**D.) PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Apel spoke briefly about the budget meeting. He stated that they need to move forward with budget discussions and try to complete each agenda as presented because the meetings cannot go past the April 9<sup>th</sup> deadline in order for the budget to be prepared in enough time for the Annual Town meeting. He asked that Town Council members honor the town council rules.

James Luddecke gave an overview on revenue. Discussion took place.

**E.) BUDGET REVIEW**

1. Water Pollution Control Authority
2. Waste Treatment Plant Operations
3. Housing Authority Sewer Subsidy
4. Building Inspection
5. Revenue
6. Data Processing Center
7. Data Processing
8. Social Services
9. Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT
10. Hockanum Valley Community Council
11. Child Guidance Clinic

12. Exchange Club – Prevention of Child Abuse
13. Tri-County ARC., Inc.
14. MARC, Inc. of Manchester
15. Shelter Services
16. Connecticut Legal Services
17. Hartford Interval House
18. YWCA Sexual Assault Services
19. Hockanum Valley School Readiness
20. Rockville Public Library
21. Historical Society
22. North Central District Health
23. Greater Hartford Transit District
24. Arts Commission
25. Youth Services Bureau
26. Senior Center
27. Animal Control
28. Dog License Account
29. Engineering
30. Cemetery Operations
31. Vernon Cemetery Commission
32. Executive and Administration
33. Law

#### **Water Pollution Control Authority**

Council Member Motola, Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5, page 37, code 10116157 in the amount of \$11,429. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to cut \$460.00 from object code 54330, motion carried, Council Members Winkler and Herbst opposed. Council Member Motola, Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5, page 37, code 10116157 in the amount of \$10,969. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Waste Treatment Plant Operations**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12, page 168-177, code 41345700 in the amount \$5,763,740. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 12, page 168-177 code 41345700 in the amount of \$5,763,740. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Housing Authority Sewer Subsidy**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 10, page 144, code 10673282 in the amount of \$50,500. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 10, page 144, code 10673282 in the amount of \$50,500. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Building Inspection**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 6, page 63-65 code 10232187 in the amount of \$250,079. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 6, page 63-65 code 10232187 in the amount of \$250,079. Motion carried unanimously.

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RECONVENE (10:46 AM)

**Data Processing Center**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12, page 181-185, code 51617710 in the amount of \$980,581. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to decrease object code 54890 by \$500.00. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members DiDio, Russell and Herbst opposed. Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to decrease object code 55010 by \$500.00. Discussion took place. Motion failed, Council Members Weissberger, Hany, Sullivan, Herbst, DiDio, Winkler and Russell opposed. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 12, page 181-185, code 51617710 in the amount of \$980,081. Motion carried unanimously.

**Data Processing**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5, pages 39-40, code 10117160 in the amount of \$698,580. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5, pages 39-40, code 10117160 in the amount of \$698,580.

**Social Services**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 8, page 113-115, code 10456240 in the amount of \$248,840. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 113-115, code 10456240 in the amount of \$248,840.

**Visiting Nurse and Health Services of made a motion to close tab**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 8, page 102, code 10455221 in the amount of \$12,249. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 102, code 10455221 in the amount of \$12,249. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hockanum Valley Community Council**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 8, page 103, code 10456222 in the amount of \$165,000. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member DiDio made a motion to increase object code 58700 in the amount of \$30,000. Discussion took place. Motion failed, Council Members Campbell, Kopec, Motola, Sullivan, Peterson and Hany opposed; Council Member Weissberger abstained. Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Russell made a motion to increase the Hockanum Valley Community Council budget by \$10,000. Discussion took place. Motion failed, Council Members Campbell, Kopec, Motola, Sullivan, Peterson and Hany opposed; Council Member Weissberger abstained. Council Member Motola, Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 8, page 103, code 10456222 in the amount of \$165,000. Motion carried unanimously.

12:16 PM, Council Member Herbst left the meeting.

**Child Guidance Clinic**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 8, page 104, code 10456223 in the amount of \$11,000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 104, code 10456223 in the amount of \$11,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Exchange Club – Prevention of Child Abuse**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 8, page 105, code 10456224 in the amount of \$8,000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 105, code 10456224 in the amount of \$8,000.

**Tri-County ARC., Inc.**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 8, page 106, code 10456225 in the amount of \$7,000. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 106, code 10456225 in the amount of \$7,000.

**MARC, Inc. of Manchester**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 8, page 107, code 10456226 in the amount of \$4000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 8, page 107, code 10456226 in the amount of \$4000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Shelter Services**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 8, page 108, code 10456227 in the amount of \$14,700. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 108, code 10456227 in the amount of \$14,700. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connecticut Legal Services**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 8, page 109, code 10456229 in the amount of \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 109, code 10456229 in the amount of \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hartford Interval House**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 8, page 110, code 10456232 in the amount of \$2500. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 8, page 110, code 10456232 in the amount of \$2500. Motion carried unanimously.

**YWCA Sexual Assault Services**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 8, page 111, code 10456235 in the amount of \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 111, code 10456235 in the amount of \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hockanum Valley School Readiness**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 8, page 112, code 10456236 in the amount of \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 112, code 10456236 in the amount of \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Rockville Public Library**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 9, page 135, code 10562262 in the amount of \$310,000. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 9, page 135, code 10562262 in the amount of \$310,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Historical Society**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 9, page 134, code 10562261 in the amount of \$5,500. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 9, page 134, code 10562261 in the amount of \$5,500. Motion carried unanimously.

12:32 PM Council Member Weissberger left the table.

**North Central District Health**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 8, page 101, code 10455220 in the amount of \$124,706. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

12:34 PM Council Member Weissberger returned

Discussion Continued. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 8, page 101, code 10455220 in the amount of \$124,706. Motion carried unanimously.

**Greater Hartford Transit District**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5, page 38, code 10116158 in the amount of \$3,647. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5, page 38, code 10116158 in the amount of \$3,647. Motion carried unanimously.

**Arts Commission**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 9, page 133, code 10562260 in the amount of \$11,640. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 9, page 133, code 10562260 in the amount of \$11,640. Motion carried unanimously.

**Youth Services Bureau**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 8, page 116-118, code 10456241 in the amount of \$215,119. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. BBM, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 116-118, code 10456241 in the amount of \$215,119. Motion carried unanimously.

**Senior Center**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 8, page 119-122, code 10457242 in the amount of \$124,716. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 8, page 119-122, code 10457242 in the amount of \$124,716. Motion carried unanimously.

**Animal Control**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 6, page 66, code 10233188 in the amount of \$131,660. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 6, page 66, code 10233188 in the amount of \$131,660. Motion carried unanimously.

**Dog License Account**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12, page 153-155, code 22233410 in the amount of \$39,950. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 12, page 153-155, code 22233410 in the amount of \$39,950. Motion carried unanimously.

**Engineering**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 7, page 97-100, code 10341214 in the amount of \$293,140. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 7, page 97-100, code 10341214 in the amount of \$293,140. Motion carried unanimously.

**Cemetery Operations**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 12, page 160-163, code 23342420 in the amount of \$287,740. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 12, page 160-163, code 23342420 in the amount of \$287,740. Motion carried unanimously.

**Vernon Cemetery Commission**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 10, page 151, code 10826302, in the amount of \$162,384. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 10, page 151, code 10826302, in the amount of \$162,384. Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive and Administration**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5, page 4-7, code 10112120 in the amount of \$666,886. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to reduce object code 55030 by \$1000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to reduce object code 57810 by \$1000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5, page 4-7, code 10112120 in the amount of \$664,886. Motion carried unanimously.

**Law**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 5, page 8, code 10112121 in the amount of \$144,000. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to reduce object code 53110 by \$5000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to reduce object code 53112 by \$5000. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 5, page 8, code 10112121 in the amount of \$134,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess (1:50 PM)**

The budget meeting was recessed until Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary