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MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

June 7, 2011 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Michael A. Winkler

Absent: Mark Etre, Sean O'Shea, Harry D. Thomas

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

William Smith, 30 Vernwood Dr. - Thanked Town Council Members for attending the annual Memorial Day Services at Mount Hope Cemetery along with the Police department and Explorers color guard.

Steve Taylor, 172 Merline Road – Spoke about Consent agenda item #11

Cliff Edwards, 2 Fern Street – thanked Town Council members for their support during his year of service with Rockville Downtown Association. Also thanked the administration for the promotion of the Hockanum Falls Project.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:14 PM

Council Member Herbst requested a point of personal privilege. She thanked Cliff Edwards for his work as the Director of the Rockville Downtown Association.

D) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

E.) PRESENTATIONS by the administration

1. Presentation by Ray Walker, Fire Marshal relative to the Highlights and Operational Goals of the Fire Marshal's Office.
Mr. Walker gave a presentation of the goals and accomplishments of the Fire Marshal's office. He also answered questions from Town Council members.

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2. Presentation to the Town Council by Mayor Jason L. McCoy on a variety of topics.
- Met with the USDA undersecretary, Congressman Joe Courtney and the First Selectman in Bolton to receive an update regarding the Bolton Water Pollution Control Authority Sewer Project.
 - Attended the "night of recognition" awards dinner to honor the police
 - Attended the Talcottville Church Memorial Day parade
 - Attended Career day at VCMS where the 7th graders were able to ask questions about being Mayor.
 - Through a mutual agreement, personnel and equipment were sent to Monson to help with the Tornado clean-up efforts. An ambulance, 2 fire trucks, 2 ATV's and crews assisted the Monson Police Departments regarding medical calls, and performed house by house checks.
 - The Rockville Bank and Clyde Chevrolet buildings have been demolished. Rockville Bank submitted a new building application.
 - Dunkin Donuts
 - Cardio Express, Taco Bell Building, and Key Hundai have put in building applications
 - Spoke about various road repairs
 - Phase 3 of the Prospect Street began
 - The tax collection level is at 98.54%
 - Department preparation has begun for the July in the Sky which will take place on June 30 with a rain date in July 1 or July 6
 - Preparation for the summer parks and recreation programs have begun
 - Draft plan on conservation and development is being presented at the public information meeting on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 PM in the senior center
 - The town received \$80,000 in a FEMA award for the January 11, 2011 storm
 - Snow and roof claims are at \$600,000
 - Department of Public Works is near completion of the laminate floor at the senior center stage
 - Social services continues the summer camp and renter rebate

Council Member Krupienski requested the total amount of CIRMA Equity distribution. John Ward will provide by the next Town Council meeting.

Council Member Krupienski requested Department reports from everyone.

Council Member Krupienski requested a full accounting of snow removal expenses vs. what the Town has been reimbursed at the next Town Council meeting.

F.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Herbst pulled consent agenda item #'s 2, 10, 11, 12 and informational items #5 & 6 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 as presented.

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- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator date May 31, 2011 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) TAX REFUND FOR THE PRIOR YEARS TAXES TOTALLING \$ 88.04 AND NINE (9) TAX REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$ 1128.54 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MAY 31, 2011.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the request for tax refunds for prior and current years. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of Phillip Bunick (U), 145 Blue Ridge Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission for a term commencing on July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013.** (A copy of Mr. Bunick's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC. 3, 05-02-1989 TOWN RESOLUTION VOL. 24, PAGE 382 AS AMENDED /VOL. 37 PAGE 266 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 02-19-2002, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP BUNICK (U), 145 BLUE RIDGE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2013.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Phillip Bunick as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of Patricia Neal, (D), 7 Cindy Terrace, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Pension Board, said appointment to commence on July 1, 2011 and end June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Ms. Neal's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 9, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA NEAL (D), 7 CINDY TERRACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PENSION BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Patricia Neal as a regular member of the

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Pension Board for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 5. Request that the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of Gary Phillip Ruchin, (D) 75 Risley Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Pension Board, said term to commence on July 1, 2011 and ends on June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Ruchin's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 9, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF GARY PHILLIP RUCHIN, (D), 75 RISLEY ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PENSION BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Gary Phillip Ruchin as a regular member of the Pension Board for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 6. Request that the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of John J. Lillis III, (U), 21 Indian Trail, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Pension Board, said term to commence on July 1, 2011 and ends on June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Lillis' resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 9, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN J. LILLIS III, (U), 21 INDIAN TRAIL, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PENSION BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of John J. Lillis III as a regular member of the Pension Board for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 7. Request that the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of Jeffrey A. Carlson, (R), 76 Valley Falls Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, said term to commence on July 1, 2011 and ends June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Carlson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 7, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY A. CARLSON (R), 76 VALLEY FALLS ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2011 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Jeffrey A. Carlson as a regular member of the

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Permanent Municipal Building Committee for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of Barbara Dahlman (U), 325 Kelly Road, S-5, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said term to commence on July 1, 2011 and ends on June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Ms. Dahlman's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BARBARA DAHLMAN (U), 325 KELLY ROAD, S-5, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 30, 2011 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Barbara Dahlman as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of James Ferguson Jr., (U), 65 Dockerel Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said term to commence on July 1, 2011 and expires June 30, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Ferguson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S RE- APPOINTMENT OF JAMES FERGUSON, JR., (U), 65 DOCKEREL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of James Ferguson Jr., as a regular member of the Zoning Board of appeals for a period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

G.) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None

H.) PENDING BUSINESS

None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

None

J.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

K.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

None

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L.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, PULLED CONSENT ITEMS FROM F) AND PULLED ITEMS FROM O) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, ETC

C 2 **Request the Town Council approve budget amendments # 35-42 for fiscal year 2010-2011, as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke.** (A copy of budget amendment forms are attached for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS # 35-42 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011, AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES LUDDECKE.

Council member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve budget amendments #35-42 for fiscal year 2010-2011, Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst requested from James Luddecke a list of employees that came out of temporary agencies including their total salary and which Department they worked for. Motion carried unanimously.

C 10. **Request the Town Council authorize a transfer of funds from the Sewer Assessment Account to Workers' Compensation and Phoenix Street Bridge.** (A copy of a memorandum dated June 1, 2011 from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Town Treasurer to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE TRANSFER OUT FROM THE SEWER ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT OF \$428,529.48 TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE FUND; AND FURTHER, THE TRANSFER OUT FROM THE SEWER ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT OF \$29,315.45 TO THE TOWN RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO BE DESIGNATED FOR THE PHOENIX STREET BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. THE TOTAL OF THESE TWO TRANSFER OUTS AMOUNT TO \$457,844.93, REPRESENTING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SEWER SUBSIDY RESERVED FOR DEBT SERVICE THAT IS NOW FULLY RETIRED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve a transfer of funds from the Sewer Assessment Account to Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$428,529.48, and Phoenix Street Bridge in the amount of \$29,315.45. Discussion took place. Council Member Anderson requested a commitment from Administration that a Safety Professional will observe Departments to ensure they are following OSHA guidelines and continue to move towards reducing the workers compensation claims. Motion carried unanimously.

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- C 11. Request the Town Council approve the loan for Janitorial Equipment.** (A copy of a memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Town Treasurer dated June 1, 2011 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator regarding same.

PROPOSED MOTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES AND AUTHORIZES A FIVE-YEAR LOAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE EDUCATION RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,300.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF JANITORIAL EQUIPMENT AT AN INTEREST RATE OF TWO PERCENT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve the loan for Janitorial Equipment in the amount of \$85,300.00. Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst requested a list of items the \$85,300 will be paying for.

Recess (8:48 PM)
Reconvene (9:09 PM)

Council Members were provided with the list of items. Council Member Schaefer requested if the Board of Education comes out with a surplus, they should cover the \$85,300 loan. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 12. Request the Town Council authorize the grant re-application for the Main Street Bridge, Talcottville reconstruction through the Connecticut Department of Transportation.** (A copy of a memorandum dated June 2, 2011 from James D. Luddecke, Finance Office and Town Treasurer to John D. Ward, Town Administrator is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO THE STATE AND FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAM THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE IN TALCOTTVILLE OVER THE TANKERHOOSEN RIVER.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to authorize the grant re-application for the Main Street Bridge, Talcottville reconstruction to the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational items #5 and 6: Council Member Herbst requested a detailed explanation of the snow removal expenses in chart form with reimbursement included.

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M.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 17, 2011 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 regular Town Council meeting. Council Member Krupienski requested the following amendments:

Page 1, Steve Taylor address: 172 Merline Road

Page 7, consent agenda #2 need to reflect items #21 through 34 were passed.

Page 10, consent agenda #6: Reflect that the friendly amendment was accepted by the motioners

Page 14 of 14 consent agenda # 19– 4 Town Council Members Opposed.

Mayor McCoy requested a review of the recording take place to determine the vote for consent agenda #19. Council Member Winkler requested a review of the video as well.

The minutes were held open until the next meeting

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2011 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously, Council Member Schaefer abstained.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2011 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 5, 2011 special emergency Town Council meeting. Discussion took place. Council Member Krupienski requested the Board of Education members present at this meeting be added to the minutes. The minutes were held open.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2011 DRAFT II AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 19, 2011 special budget Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously, Council Members Champagne and Anderson abstained.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2011 DRAFT II, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to waive the reading of and approve Draft II minutes of the March 26, 2011 special budget Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously, Council Member Campbell abstained.

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THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2011 DRAFT II, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to waive the reading of and approve draft II minutes of the April 2, 2011 special budget Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2011 DRAFT III, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to waive the reading of and approve draft III minutes of the April 6, 2011 special budget Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously, Council Member Schaefer abstained.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2011 DRAFT II AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to waive the reading of and approve draft II minutes of the April 6, 2011 special budget Town Council meeting. Council Member Krupienski requested the 2 typo of "ff" be removed on page 2 of 2 before the word "to". Motion carried unanimously.

N.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

O.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION

1. Monthly EMS Reports Report for April 2011, as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.
2. Monthly Report Youth Services Bureau for April 2011, as submitted by Alan Slobodien
3. Connecticut Geospatial Newsletter, Spring Edition, Volume 4, Issue I- See article relative to Town of Vernon GIS written by Aaron Nash, TOV GIS.
4. Connecticut Preservation News – May/June 2011 Issue – Announcing the Town of Vernon's Award of Merit for the Design and Restoration of the Town Hall Memorial Building.
5. FEMA Grant approval for costs incurred during the January 11-12, 2011 Severe Snowstorm in the amount of \$80,080.40 dated May 26, 2011
6. Copy of the third check received from Travelers Insurance Company relative to the 2011 Snowstorms in the amount of \$93,054.00 dated May 20, 2011.

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Adjourn (9:39 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: June 10, 2011

Approved: June 21, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary