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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
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March 23, 2013 1:00 PM

Mayor George Apel called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Thomas DiDio, Julie Clay, Marie Herbst, John Kopeck, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Thomasina Russell, Adam Weissberger, and Michael Winkler

Absent: Council Members Virginia Gingras, Dan Sullivan

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Chet Chetlet, 454 Cricket Circle. Spoke against budget cuts and the effect it is having on Veterans.

Citizen's forum closed at 1:08 PM

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor George F. Apel and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 16, 2013 meeting.

Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

1. Water Pollution Control Authority
2. Waste Treatment Plant Operations
3. Housing Authority – Sewer Subsidy
4. Finance – Administration
5. Finance – Independent Audit
6. Finance – Treasury
7. Finance – Purchasing
8. Social Security and Medicare
9. Pension
10. Group Insurance
11. Unemployment Insurance
12. Municipal Insurance
13. Contingency
14. Debt Service – Principal Payments
15. Debt Service – Interest Payments
16. Assessment
17. Revaluation
18. Board of Assessment Appeals
19. Collector of Revenue

- 20. Refunds – Tax Adjustments
- 21. Capital Improvements – Town

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2013-2014 for various departments, divisions, and organizations to include:

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 39, account 10116157, in the amount of \$8,300, motion carried unanimously.

Director of WPCA, David Ignatowicz, was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 39, account 10116157, in the amount of \$8,300, motion carried unanimously.

Waste Treatment Plant Operation

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12 page 173, account 41345700, in the amount of \$5,750,935, motion carried unanimously.

Director of WPCA, David Ignatowicz, and Finance Director, Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 12 page 173, account 41345700, in the amount of \$5,750,935, motion carried unanimously.

(1:30PM) Council Member Peterson left the table; (1:31PM) Council Member Peterson returned
(1:42PM) Council Member Clay left the table; (1:43PM) Council Member Clay returned

Housing Authority- Sewer Subsidy

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 10 page 148, account 10673282, in the amount of \$50,500, motion carried unanimously.

Director of WPCA, David Ignatowicz, and Finance Director, Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 10 page 148, account 10673282, in the amount of \$50,500, motion carried unanimously.

Finance- Administration

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 19, account 10114140, in the amount of \$485,468, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 19, account 10114140, in the amount of \$485,468, motion carried unanimously.

Finance-Independent Audit

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 22, account 10114141, in the amount of \$51,100, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 22, account 10114141, in the amount of \$51,100, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Treasury

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 23, account 10114142, in the amount of \$14,055, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 23, account 10114142, in the amount of \$14,055, motion carried unanimously.

Finance-Purchasing

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 24, account 10114143, in the amount of \$9,920, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 24, account 10114143, in the amount of \$9,920, motion carried unanimously.

Social Security and Medicare

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 10 page 140, account 10670270, in the amount of \$954,000, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 10 page 140, account 10670270, in the amount of \$954,000, motion carried unanimously.

Pension

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 10 page 141, account 10670271, in the amount of \$2,403,507, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 10 page 141, account 10670271, in the amount of \$2,403,507, motion carried unanimously.

(2:19PM) Mayor Apel left the table; (2:21PM) Mayor Apel returned

Group Insurance

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 10 page 142, account 10670272, in the amount of \$2,479,014, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 10 page 142, account 10670272, in the amount of \$2,479,014, motion carried unanimously.

Unemployment Insurance

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 10 page 144, account 10670273, in the amount of \$40,000, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 10 page 144, account 10670273, in the amount of \$40,000, motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Insurance

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 10 page 145, account 10671278, in the amount of \$989,418, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 10 page 145, account 10671278, in the amount of \$989,418, motion carried unanimously.

Contingency

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 10 page 147, account 10672280, in the amount of \$114,000, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 10 page 147, account 10672280, in the amount of \$114,000, motion carried with 6 in favor and 4 abstaining.

Debt Service- Principal Payments

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 11 page 153, account 10883292, in the amount of \$4,159,210 motion carried unanimously. Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 11 page 153, account 10883292, in the amount of \$4,159,210 motion carried unanimously.

(3:05PM) Council Member Weissberger left the table; (3:06PM) Council Member Weissberger returned

Recess: 3:12 PM
Reconvened: 3:20 PM

Debt Service- Interest Payments

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 11 page 154, account 10883294, in the amount of \$1,484,895, motion carried unanimously. Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 11 page 154, account 10883294, in the amount of \$1,484,895, motion carried unanimously.

Assessment

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 25, account 10114144, in the amount of \$259,093, motion carried unanimously. Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 25, account 10114144, in the amount of \$259,093, motion carried unanimously.

Revaluation

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 32, account 10114147, in the amount of \$25,000, motion carried unanimously. Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 32, account 10114147, in the amount of \$25,000, motion carried unanimously.

Board of Assessment Appeals

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 38, account 10116155, in the amount of \$2,800, motion carried unanimously. Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 38, account 10116155, in the amount of \$2,800, motion carried unanimously.

Collector of Revenue

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 29, account 10114144, in the amount of \$217,142, motion carried unanimously. Finance Director, Jim Luddecke and Terry Hjarne, Director of Collector of Revenue were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 29, account 10114144, in the amount of \$217,142, motion carried unanimously.

Refunds Tax Adjustments

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 28, account 10114145, in the amount of \$30,000, motion carried unanimously. Finance Director, Jim Luddecke and Terry Hjarne, Director of Collector of Revenue were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 28, account 10114145, in the amount of \$30,000, motion carried unanimously.

Capital Improvements- Town

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 11 page 149, account 10780290, in the amount of \$265,565, motion carried unanimously. Finance Director, Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 11 page 149, account 10780290, in the amount of \$265,565, motion carried unanimously

F.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Weissberger moved to recess the meeting until 7:30pm Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

G.) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 27, 2013.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

**Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary**