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

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013  
7:30 PM

RECEIVED  
VERNON TOWN CLERK  
13 MAY 31 PM 12:09

**A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B.) ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:**

**Entered During Meeting:**

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

**C.) CITIZENS FORUM**

Bill Dauphin, 11 Olive Lane, asked the Town Council to listen to tonight's comments.

Lynn Barisano, 423 Taylor Street, spoke in favor of increasing the Board of Education Budget. The kids organized themselves to ask for support.

Edie Chernack, 50 Cubles Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget.

Julie Polansky, 18 Patricia Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget and working together to improve the town.

Ole Kushner Hermanson, 25 Cold Spring Drive, spoke in favor of supporting the school system and spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget.

Dot Tedeschi, 15 Allan Drive, spoke in favor to return money to the Board of Education Budget.

Dory Famiglietti, 244 Risley Road, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget.

Chelsea Poloski, 38 Risley Road, spoke about making a change and her love for school, in hopes more money would not be cut out of the Board of Education Budget.

Darianna Pozzato, 26 Cottage Street, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget because if not clubs and programs will be cut.

Rachel Nutt, 23 Davis Avenue, graduating this year and spoke highly of the writing clubs and programs Rockville High School has to offer.

Jordan Scheff, 119 Trout Stream Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget and the Town Council building the community.

Robert Langone, 80 Montauk Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget to attract more people to Vernon.

Sara Clarke, 121 Skinner Road, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget. Had the option to attend a magnet school and chose Rockville High School.

Keith Hodson, 200 Lake Street, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget.

Ann Nutt, 23 Davis Avenue, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget for our future.

Lance Chernack, 50 Cubles Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget to get out of the bottom 30.

Christina Lee, 7 Seneca Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget

Phillis Winkler, 20 Gottier Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget.

Bridget Sutherland, 113 Troutstream Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget. She wants the Town of Vernon to work to keep her in Vernon.

Samantha Barisano, 423 Taylor Street, spoke about losing the Marching Band at Rockville High School if the Board of Education does not receive more funding.

Jake Kalnenieks, 31 Reed Street, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget. Wants the love and community for his kids.

Christine Brouillard, 74 Echo Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget. She stated there needs to be more support from the parents.

Maureen Kearney, 131 Blue Ridge Drive, spoke in favor of increasing the funding for the Board of Education Budget.

Joe Grabinski, 623 Dart Hill Road, spoke about the way spending is dispersed through the Board of Education and that kids are being short changed.

Tina Seekins, 71 Deepwood Drive, spoke about spending the money from the Board of Education Budget on the students academics.

Citizens Forum closed 8:15PM

RECESS: 8:16PM

RECONVENE: 8:21PM

**D.) PRESENTATION**

Mayor George F. Apel and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates.

**E.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

On May 7, 2013 and May 21, 2013 the FY Budget for 2013-2014 failed at referendum. It is recommended that any proposed changes be offered at this time by tab, page and account number. No proposed motion is offered in advance.

Council Member Didio, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 12 page 156, account 10990330 to increase the Board of Education Budget by \$1,000,000.00. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab tab 12 page 156, account 10990330 in the amount of \$50,494,787 motion carried with 9 in favor and 3 opposing.

RECESS: 8:45PM  
RECONVENE: 9:06PM

F.) **Finalize budget**

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 26,395,003; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,909,670; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,494,787 FOR A GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF \$ 82,799,460.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion for approval of appropriations for the Town of Vernon fiscal year 2013-2014. Motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 opposed.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 82,799,460 TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF \$ 82,799,460 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUE AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion for approval of Budget Revenue Estimates for fiscal year 2013-2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR REFERENDUM**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO PRESENT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,799,460 TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS TO VOTE ON PAPER BALLOTS OR BY BALLOT LABELS UTILIZING A "YES" OR "NO" ON THE VOTING MACHINES AT A **BUDGET REFERENDUM SCHEDULED FOR June 4, 2013**, AT CENTER 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 AM AND 8:00 PM AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH A WARNING OF SAID

REFERENDUM AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE REFERENDUM AND TO PHRASE SUCH ITEM IN A FORM SUITABLE FOR PRINTING ON SUCH PAPER BALLOTS OR BALLOT LABELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 7-7 AND OTHER LAWS: "SHALL THE TOWN OF VERNON ADOPT A BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF 82,799,460 FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014."

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion for approval of Town Of Vernon Budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. Motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 opposed.

**G.) Adjournment 9:45PM**

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

*Received: May 31, 2013*

*Approved:*

*Respectfully Submitted:*

*Danielle Forand  
Recording Secretary*