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

October 1, 2013 - 7:30pm

Mayor George Apel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:
Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Virginia Gingras, Julie Clay, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Thomasina Russell, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger, Michael Winkler, Thomas DiDio, Marie Herbst, and Steven Peterson
Absent:
Entered During Meeting:
Also Present: Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Jean Merz, 144 Phoenix Street, spoke about her concern of the sale of Rockville Hospital.

Mary Conway, 30 Park Street, spoke about her support and collaboration with the Town of Vernon for the Medicaid resolution.

Carl Schaefer, Fox Hill Drive, spoke about his concerns relative to Rockville Community Alliance Committee and expenditures as well as the status of the fire apparatus issues.

RECESS: 7:47pm
RECONVEYNED: 7:54pm

Citizen's forum closed at 7:55PM

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING
None.

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor George F. Apel to present proclamations to Sergeant Gary Jonas, Officer Timothy Gunnound and Officer Bryan Sembersky for competing in the 9th Annual Connecticut SWAT Challenge and placing first out of 28 teams.

Mayor George F. Apel to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to approve consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

C 1. **Request for Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated September 23, 2013 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THREE (3) OVERPAYMENTS FOR PRIOR YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF $266.08 AND TWENTY-SEVEN (27) OVERPAYMENTS FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF $ 2414.59 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2013.

C 2. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's appointment of James M. Luddecke, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee, said appointment to commence on October 2, 2013 and expires on September 30, 2016.** (No resume is included, appointee is a Town of Vernon employee.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986 AND TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES M. LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 2, 2013 AND ENDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I.) **PENDING BUSINESS**
None.

J.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council approve the resolution relative to Medicaid reimbursement for special education as presented by Finance Officer and Treasurer James M. Luddecke.** (See resolution attached dated September 26, 2013.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE RESOLUTION DESIGNATED AS "MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION"; AND DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2013.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to approve the resolution designated as "Medicaid Reimbursements for Special Education".

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Motion carried with 6 in favor, 5 opposing and 1 abstention.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the Job Description of *Birth to Eight Coordinator* as recommended by Assistant Town Administrator Dawn Maselek.** (A copy of the job description is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.1(B) ENTITLED "JOB DESCRIPTIONS", HEREBY ADOPTS THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF ***BIRTH TO EIGHT COORDINATOR*** AS PRESENTED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to approve the Job Description of Birth to Eight Coordinator.

Assistant Town Administrator, Dawn Maselek and Youth Services Director, Alan Slobodien were present to answer any questions.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Request that the Town Council set a Public Hearing on October 15, 2013, at 7:35 PM, to be held at the third floor Town Hall Council Chamber in the Town Hall Memorial Building, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut, to receive comments and questions relative to the proposed Ordinance as outlined below:**

"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,0000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION"

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 15, 2013, AT 7:35 P.M., TO BE HELD AT THE THIRD FLOOR TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE TOWN HALL MEMORIAL BUILDING, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ***"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,0000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION."***

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to set a Public Hearing on October 15, 2013 to receive comments and questions relative to the proposed ordinance," An Ordinance appropriating ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 for road reconstruction and improvements and authorizing the issue of ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 bonds and notes to finance the appropriation."

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Weissberger, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to move the vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

K.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Request the Town Council to consider, deliberate and decide on a proposed Ordinance entitled: ***"An Ordinance Appropriating ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 for Road Reconstruction and Improvements and Authorizing***

the Issue of ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation." Proposed Ordinance further identified as Ordinance B-13-01. Further, the Town Council hereby ratifies and confirms the referral by the Town Administrator of the proposed ordinance entitled ***"An Ordinance Appropriating ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 for Road Reconstruction and Improvements and Authorizing the Issue of $~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation,"*** further identified as B-13-01, to the Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as of 1958, as amended, said statute entitled "Municipal Improvements."

Mayor recommends action of the proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED MOTION #1A:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, UPON CONSIDERATION AND DELIBERATION HEREBY APPROVES THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED ***"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION."*** PROPOSED ORDINANCE FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS ORDINANCE B-13-01.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to approve the provisions of the proposed ordinance entitled, "An ordinance appropriating ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 for road reconstruction and improvements and authorizing the issue of ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 bonds and notes to finance the appropriation."

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Motion carried with 7 in favor and 5 opposing.

PROPOSED MOTION #1B:

RESOLVED: THAT THE REFERRAL BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING ENTITLED ORDINANCE, ***"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS"***, FOR A REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-24 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF CONNECTICUT, REVISION OF 1958, AS AMENDED, SAID STATUTE ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS"; IS HEREBY RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to approve the project described, "An ordinance appropriating ~~$27,650,000~~ $27,637,000 for road reconstruction and improvements."

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 abstention.

L.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**
None.

M.) **IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**
None.

N.) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
None.

O.) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the July 16, 2013 and September 17, 2013 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

P.) **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Monthly Report – August, 2013 Emergency Services, as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.
2. Monthly Report – August, 2013 Building Department, as submitted by Harry Dan Boyko, Building Official.
3. Thank You Letter dated August, 2013 from The Cornerstone Foundation to the Town of Vernon for the generous donation of $3700.00.

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary