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

April 16,2013 - 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, Thomas DiDio, Virginia Gingras, Marie Herbst, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Thomasina Russell, Daniel Sullivan, and Michael Winkler
Absent: Council Member Julie Clay and Adam Weissberger
Entered During Meeting:
Also Present: Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Marie Herbst, 245 Brandy Hill Road, spoke against the transfer of the maintenance of Park Building and Grounds to the Department of Public Works for a trial period of 9 months beginning April 1,2013. Stating it violates the Town of Vernon Charter.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:36 PM

D.) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
None

E.) **PUBLIC HEARING**
None

F.) **PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

- Mayor George F. Apel to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.
- Steve Krajewski, Supervisor from Parks and Recreation along with Bruce Watt, Amy Locandro and photographer Andre Garant presented a short movie about the programs and special events that Parks and Recreation offers.

G.) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented #1-3. Motion carried unanimously.

C **1. Request for Tax Refunds for Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator April 8, 2013 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOUR (4 OVERPAYMENTS FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF $42,851.93 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 8, 2013.

C 2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor George F. Apel to sign any and all documents relative to the Historic Documents Preservation Grant.** (See memorandum dated March 28,2013 from Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk to Mayor George F. Apel, Town Administrator John D. Ward, Asst. Town Administrator Dawn Maselek and the Vernon Town Council re:same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

RESOLVED, THAT GEORGE F. APEL, MAYOR IS ENPOWERED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER IN THE NAME AND ON BEHALF OF THIS MUNICIPALITY A CONTRACT WITH THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY FOR AN HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT.

C 3. **Request the Town Council approve the disposition of damaged equipment from the Police Department.** (See disposition forms presented by James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ONE (1) RADAR ANTENNA; AND TWO (2) SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS DISCLOSED ON THE FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL REQUEST FORMS.

H.) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

I.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

1. **Update and discussion relative to the monthly report from Finance Director James M. Luddecke for Revenue and Expenditures – 2012-2013, as of March 31, 2013.**

NO MOTION REQUIRED

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

J.) **NEW BUSINESS**
None

K.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

L.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

M.) **IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

O.) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 2, 2013 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried 8 in favor with 2 abstentions.

P.) **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Monthly Activity Report for February 2013, Building Department, as submitted by the Building Official, Harry Dan Boyko.

2. Year to Date Report, as submitted by Michael Purcaro, Director of Business and Finance for the Board of Education.

Adjourn 8:02 pm

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary