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August 20, 2013 - 7:41pm

The Special Town Meeting of August 20, 2013 was called to order at 7:41PM. There were approximately twenty individuals present including members of the Vernon Town Council, Mayor, Town of Vernon Staff, Board of Education Staff, and residents.

Mayor George F. Apel called for the nomination of a moderator for the Special Town Meeting. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger moved to place the name of James Luddecke, Finance Officer for the position of moderator. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Luddecke invited public comment on the resolution presented.

Tanya Damon-Merrow, 38 Grove Street, spoke in regards to the Board of Education budget freeze and the future plans for budgeting to cover costs for special education and magnet schools.

Mr. Luddecke then entertained a motion to pass the Resolution as presented. (A copy of the full Resolution is presented below.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$260,000.00

WHEREAS, the school administration has notified the Mayor that their operating budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 will require an additional \$260,000.00 to cover a deficit, attributed primarily to costs for special education.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education made application to the State Department of Social Services for Medicaid reimbursements associated with costs related to special education for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2011; and a payment of \$136,977.36 has been received by the Town; and

WHEREAS, for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2012, the Board of Education has made application to the State of Department of Social Services for Medicaid reimbursements associated with special education costs and anticipates the receipt of an amount no less than \$123,022.64 by December, 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the combination of Medicaid reimbursements for the fiscal periods 2011 and 2012, are estimated to be \$260,000.00; and the school administration has requested that this amount be used to offset the Board of Education deficit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, with reference to the Vernon Town Charter, Chapter XII, Section 10 (f), additional appropriations in excess of 1/10 of 1% of the total budget require a public hearing and approval at a special town meeting. The total budget for the relevant fiscal year is \$80,599,160.00.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved: That the Town Council hereby approves an additional appropriation in an amount of \$260,000.00 to the fiscal year 2012-2013 Education budget, account 10990330.58900, to fund the potential deficit of excess costs related to special education.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Schaffer, seconded by Mary Conway made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary