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

March 28, 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, Michael Winkler, Thomas DiDio, Virginia Gingras, Julie Clay, Marie Herbst, John Kopec, Steven Peterson, Thomasina Russell, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger

Absent: Council Member Brian Motola entered at 8:31PM

Entered During Meeting:

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

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

The Mayor bypassed the citizen's forum to immediately open up the Public Hearing.
Citizen's forum closed at 7:31 PM

D.) PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2013-2014 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.

- *MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS*
- *CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD*
- *MAYOR APEL AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE COMMENTS*

The following speakers spoke in favor of the Board of Education Budget

- Nancy Krupienski, 59 Deerfield Drive
- Bill Dauphin, 11 Olive Lane
- Shireen Rhoades, 30 Olive Lane
- Alice Johns, 275 Risley Road
- Dan Nevelos, 54 Hillcrest Drive
- Carl Schaeffer, 1A Fox Hill Drive
- Kate Capshaw-Smith, 158 Brookview Drive
- Angela Vernola, 62 Troutstream Drive
- Karen Angel, 1 Sutton Drive
- Polly Schaeffer, 1A Fox Hill Drive
- Evangelynn Toolan, 11 Fernwood Drive
- Bert Wheeler, 27 Old Town Road
- Tanya Dan-Merrow, 138 Grove Street
- Maura Sheehan, 16 Crown Street

Public Hearing closed at 8:06pm

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

- *ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING*
- *RETURN TO THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA*

E.) PRESENTATION

Mayor George F. Apel and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 27, 2013 meeting. Discussion took place.

F.) BUDGET REVIEW

1. REVENUE
2. EDUCATION
3. EDUCATION – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
4. FIRE FIGHTING AND ADMINISTRATION
5. AMBULANCE DIVISION
6. FIRE MARSHAL
7. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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.

Education

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12 page 156, account 10990330, in the amount of \$50,169,787, motion carried unanimously. Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke, Board of Education Chairman, Dean Houle and Superintendent of the Schools of Vernon, Dr. Mary Conway were present to answer any questions. The board of education presented a power point.

Discussion took place.
Questions were answered.

Council Member Motola entered the table (8:31PM)

Recess (9:15 PM)
Reconvene (9:22PM)

Mayor Apel left the table (10:00PM) Returned (10:02PM)
Council Member Peterson left the table (10:04PM) Returned (10:05PM)
Council Member Peterson left the table (10:21PM) Returned (10:24PM)

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to have no action to increase or decrease the Education Budget until Wednesday April 3, 2013. Motion carried with 9 in favor and 3 opposing.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Peterson proposed an amendment to cease any discussion on this topic until Wednesday April 3, 2013. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 5 opposing.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 12 page 156, account 10990330, in the amount of \$50,169,787, motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 opposing.

F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION

Council Member Didio, seconded by Council Member Peterson moved to recess the meeting until 7:30pm Monday, April 1, 2013 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 5 opposing.

G.) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 1, 2013.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

**Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary**