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

April 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, Thomas DiDio, Virginia Gingras, Julie Clay, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Thomasina Russell, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger

Absent: Council Member Michael Winkler and Council Member Herbst

Entered During Meeting:

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

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

None.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:31 PM

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor George F. Apel and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 28, 2013 meeting.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

1. Fire Fighting and Administration
2. Ambulance Division
3. Fire Marshal
4. Emergency Management
5. Recreation Administration
6. Recreation Public Celebration
7. Recreation – Parks Maintenance
8. Recreation Programs Account
9. Police
10. School Crossing Guards
11. Traffic Authority
12. Data Processing Center
13. Data Processing
14. Executive and Administration
15. Law

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.

Fire Fighting and Administration

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 6 page 58, account 10231183, in the amount of \$1,217,403, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Fire Chief William Call were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place. Line item 52970 was reduced from \$15,000 to \$8,000 due to actuarial report, reducing the budget by \$7,000.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 6 page 58, account 10231183, in the amount of \$1,210,403, motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Division

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12 page 160, account 22231417, in the amount of \$1,184,165, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Fire Chief William Call, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 12 page 160, account 22231417, in the amount of \$1,184,165, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Marshall

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 6 page 64, account 10232185, in the amount of \$97,853, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Fire Marshall Ray Walker, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 6 page 64, account 10232185, in the amount of \$97,853, motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 6 page 71, account 10232189, in the amount of \$44,870, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Emergency Management Director, Mike Purcaro, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 6 page 71, account 10232189, in the amount of \$44,870, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Administration

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 9 page 127, account 10560250, in the amount of \$428,610, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Director of Parks and Recreation, Bruce Dinnie, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to reduce Line Item 51000 by \$64,439 due to the elimination of the Maintenance Supervisor in the Park and Recreation Department. Motion carried with 8 in favor and 2 abstentions.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 9 page 127, account 10560250, in the amount of \$364,171, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Public Celebration

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 9 page 131, account 10560253, in the amount of \$15,000 motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Director of Parks and Recreation, Bruce Dinnie, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 9 page 131, account 10560253, in the amount of \$15,000 motion carried unanimously.

Recreation- Parks Maintenance

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 9 page 132, account 10560254, in the amount of \$599,807 motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Director of Parks and Recreation, Bruce Dinnie, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 9 page 132, account 10560254, in the amount of \$599,807 motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Programs Account

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12 page 168, account 26560444, in the amount of \$623,484 motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Director of Parks and Recreation, Bruce Dinnie, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 12 page 168, account 26560444, in the amount of \$623,484 motion carried unanimously.

Police

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 6 page 49, account 10230180, in the amount of \$5,837,157 motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Chief of Police, James Kenny, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 6 page 49, account 10230180, in the amount of \$5,837,157 motion carried unanimously.

School Crossing Guards

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 6 page 56, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120 motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Chief of Police, James Kenny, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 6 page 56, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120 motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Authority

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 6 page 57, account 10230182, in the amount of \$315,760 motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Chief of Police, James Kenny, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 6 page 57, account 10230182, in the amount of \$315,760 motion carried unanimously.

Recess (8:58 PM)

Reconvene (9:05 PM)

Data Processing Center

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12 page 186, account 51617710, in the amount of \$1,633,866 motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Director of Data Processing, Bob Sigan, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 12 page 186, account 51617710, in the amount of \$1,633,866 motion carried unanimously.

Data Processing

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 41, account 10117160, in the amount of \$966,745 motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Director of Data Processing, Bob Sigam, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 41, account 10117160, in the amount of \$966,745 motion carried unanimously.

Executive and Administration

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 4, account 10112120, in the amount of \$658,906 motion carried unanimously.
Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke, Mayor George Apel and Town Administrator John Ward, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 4, account 10112120, in the amount of \$658,906 motion carried unanimously.

Law

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 5 page 9, account 10112121, in the amount of \$117,000 motion carried unanimously.
Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke, Mayor George Apel and Town Administrator John Ward, were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 5 page 9, account 10112121, in the amount of \$117,000 motion carried unanimously.

F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION

Council Member Weissberger, seconded by Council Member Motola moved to recess the meeting until 7:30pm Wednesday April 3, 2013 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

G.) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO April 3, 2013.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

**Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary**