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

April 15, 2014 7:30 PM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:
Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Virginia Gingras, Brian Motola, Kim Appleyard Steve Wakefield, Steve Peterson, Bill Campbell, John Kopec, and Ann Letendre
Absent: Council Member Julie Clay and Michael Winkler
Entered During Meeting: Council Member Fred Lehmann
Also Present: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

C) CITIZENS FORUM
None

* J. New Business 1- Moved forward for swearing in of new Council Member Fred Lehmann by Town Clerk Bernice K. Dixon.

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION
Mayor Daniel A. Champagne reports to the Town Council on a variety of subjects.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items as presented C-1, C-2 and C-4. Council Member Kopec pulled Consent Agenda item 3 from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

C 1. Request for the approval Tax Refunds for Current Years. (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated April 7, 2014 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THREE (3) OVERPAYMENTS FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF $727.18, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 7, 2014.

C 2. Request the Town Council budget amendments # 21 and #22 for fiscal year 2013-2014 as provided by Finance Officer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached to this agenda.

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #21 AND #22, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Ronald C. Kane, (R), 15 Tobias Court, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Inland Wetland Commission, said term to commence on April 18, 2014 and expires on April 17, 2017. (A copy of Mr. Kane's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 8, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF RONALD C. KANE, (R), 15 TOBIAS COURT, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 18, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 17, 2017.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Marc R. Weston, (R), 347 Kelly Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a Board of Directors member, of the North Central Health District, said term to commence on April 15, 2014 and expires April 15, 2017. (A copy of Mr. Watson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §19a-241; CHARTER CHAPTER XI, SECTIONS 1,5, & 14, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MARC R. WASTON, (R), 347 KELLY ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 15, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 15, 2017.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to correct the spelling of the appointment to Marc Weston. Motion carries unanimously.

I.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA
None

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council hereby approve the Vernon Republican Town Committee's endorsement of Fred Lehmann, (R), 44 Patricia Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a Town Council member, to complete Adam Weissberger's unexpired term.** (A copy of a letter of recommendation by the Vernon Republican Town Committee, dated April 10, 2014, and a copy of Mr. Lehmann's resume are included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE VERNON REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE'S NOMINATION OF FRED LEHMANN, (R), 44 PATRICIA DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2014 AND EXPIRING NOVEMBER 8, 2015.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to approve Vernon Republican Fred Lehmann as a Town Council member. Motion carried unanimously.

* See page 1 of minutes.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the bid waive procedure for the acquisition of a used compact excavator from Able Tool and Equipment of South Windsor, Connecticut.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated April 10, 2014 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same. Additional accompanying information is also included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR COSTS INVOLVING THE ACQUISITION OF A USED 2012 WACKER NEUSON COMPACT EXCAVATOR, FROM ABLE TOOL AND EQUIPMENT, 410 BURNHAM STREET, SOUTH WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $54,450.00; AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT (S) TO THAT EFFECT.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to approve the bid procedure for the acquisition of a used compact excavator from Able Tool and Equipment of South Windsor, Connecticut. Director of Public Works Bob Kleinhans was present. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to sign any and all documents relative to the application for the Graustein Discovery Grant application 2014-2015 in the amount of $49,080.** (See documents attached including the Graustein Grant application.

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE TOWN OF VERNON'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE WILLIAM CASPAR GRAUSTEIN MEMORIAL FUND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $49,080.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to sign any and all documents relative to the applications for Graustein Discovery Grant application 2014-2015 in the amount of $49,080. Director of Youth Services, Alan Slobodien was present. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
None

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) 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 Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting April 1, 2014, Special Budget Meeting March 22, 2014, Special Budget Meeting March 24, 2014,Special Budget Meeting March 27, 2014, Special Budget Meeting March 29, 2014,Special Budget Meeting March 31, 2014, and Special Budget Meeting April 1, 2014.Motion carried unanimously.

P.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION

1. Invitation to the Memorial Day Parade from the American Legion.
2. Invitation from ECHN to attend the Community Forum scheduled for April 29, 2014 at Rockville High School.
3. Announcement and Invitation to the Community Shred Event & Touch-A-Truck on May 10, 2014 at Department of Public Works, 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut.

4. Monthly Report for the Vernon Police Department – March, 2014 as submitted by Captain Stephen M. Clark.
5. Monthly Report for the Town Clerk - March, 2014 as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
6. Monthly Report for EMS – March, 2014 as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 7:55pm

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary