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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
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May 19, 2015 - 7:30 PM

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

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Julie Clay, Brian Motola, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Steve Peterson, Fred Lehmann, Bill Campbell, John Kopec, and Michael Winkler

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Council Members Virginia Gingras and Ann Letendre at 7:32 PM

Also Present: Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Joe Tarzi, 155 West Main Street, Apt. 411, spoke on the graffiti in all areas of town, not just Rockville, and questioned if there was a plan to clean it up.

7:32 PM Council Members Virginia Gingras and Ann Letendre entered.

Citizen's Forum closed at 7:33 PM

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

E.) PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne made a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

- In 2013 a new prescription plan, Pro Act Cards, was offered to residents and employees, through CCM. Since then, 1,035 claims have been processed and residents have saved over \$64,600.
- A reminder, the Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 25, 2015 with gathering at 9:00 AM at Northeast School and step-off at 10:00 AM.
- Public Works Community Day is May 30, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It's also a shredder event, equipment show and will provide senior center information, to be held at DPW garage at 375 Hartford Turnpike.
- Girl Scout Gold Award was presented to Samantha Barisano for her project on recycling awareness at RHS and the elementary schools.
- Annual Explorers banquet was held on May 18th celebrating the Post's 45th anniversary.
- The Mother's Day Dash had over 270 participants and many more spectators. The Parks & Rec Dept. always does a great job.
- The 3rd graders from Lake Street School visited town hall, with over 50 children participating in a mock town council meeting.

- There is a conflict with the June 16, 2015 council meeting, as it is the same night as Rockville High School's graduation.

The Mayor asked if there was an interest in cancelling the June 16, 2015 meeting to allow council members to attend graduation. The meeting was cancelled, with 11 in favor and 1 abstention.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING
None

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda item as presented C1. Motion carried unanimously.

C 1. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #36 and #37, as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached to this agenda.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #36 AND #37 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS
None

I.) PENDING BUSINESS
None

J.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Request the Town Council approve the Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Vernon and authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute any and all documents relative to same.** (See letter dated April 20, 2015 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne from Close, Jensen and Miller, PC and memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated May 14, 2015 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ENTITLED "SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT" RELATIVE TO THE STATE BRIDGE PROGRAM - PROJECT

ENTITLED "SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT" RELATIVE TO THE STATE BRIDGE PROGRAM – PROJECT 146-196, BRIDGE #05588 IN VERNON – CT ROUTE 74 OVER THE HOCKANUM RIVER, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to sign the agreement entitled "Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement" relative to Project 146-196, Bridge #05588. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) **Update and discussion regarding Year to Date Revenue and Expenditures report from Finance Officer James M. Luddecke for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.**

NO MOTION PROPOSED

Finance Director, James Luddecke provided an update and was available to answer questions. Discussion took place.

- 3) **Request the Town Council approve the May 19, 2015 Resolution, to modify the scope of the Road Reconstruction and Improvement ordinance by adding Bamforth Road, Cemetery Road and the lower section of Hatch Hill Road.** (See memorandum attached for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAY 19, 2015 RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF ORDINANCE #299 – ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY ADDING BAMFORTH ROAD, CEMETERY ROAD AND HATCH HILL ROAD TO THE PROJECT.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to approve the May 19, 2015 resolution to modify the scope of Ordinance #299 to add Bamforth Road, Cemetery Road and Hatch Hill Road to the project. Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans made a presentation and was available to answer questions. Discussion took place. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4) **Request the Town Council approve the the transfer within Capital Projects Fund for Town and School Improvement Projects.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated May 13, 2015 relative to same.)

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TRANSFER OF **\$815,900.00 FROM** THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND – ORDINANCE 257, ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS; AND THE TRANSFER OF **\$623,100.00 FROM** THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND – ORDINANCE #260, VARIOUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS; FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF **\$1,439,000.00; TO** THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND – TOWN AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. THESE FUNDS ARE TO BE COMMITTED TO THE PAVING OF THE VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOTS IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$332,000.00**; THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TOWN-WIDE TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$500,000.00**; THE GENERATOR UPGRADE AND EXPANSION FOR THE MEMORIAL BUILDING, ANNEX AND THE SENIOR CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$363,000.00**; AND THE COMPLETION OF THE WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$244,000.00**.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to approve the above resolution as read. Data Processing Director, Robert Sigan and James Luddecke were available to answer questions. Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, proposed an amendment to remove \$500,000 for the replacement of the town-wide telephone system. Discussion took place. Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, withdrew the proposed amendment.

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Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to approve the resolution with an amendment that when the RFPs for the telephone system come back with a contract, this item will come back to the town council for approval. Council Member Winkler made a friendly amendment to state "prior to the contract being signed." Discussion took place. Amendment carried unanimously.

Main motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

- 5) **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute any and all documents related to the Collaborative Agreement for the Graustein Discovery Grant application for 2015-2016.** (See memorandum from Alan Slobodien, Director of Youth Services relative to same attached to the agenda for review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE YOUTH SERVICE DIRECTOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT THIS GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL FOR A GRAUSTEIN GRANT AND MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK FOR THIS APPLICATION.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec proposed a resolution that the youth service director is authorized to submit a grant application on behalf of the school readiness council for a Graustein Grant and authorizes Mayor Champagne to execute any and all paperwork. Youth Services Director, Alan Slobodien was available to answer questions. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

None

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Lehmann made a motion to add two additional agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

1) Request the Town Council authorize internal financing in the amount of \$129,500.00 for the purchase of school vehicles.

(Please see the attached documents relative to this matter for your consideration.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVE, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES AND AUTHORIZES INTERNAL FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$129,500.00 FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE EDUCATION RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE SEVEN (7) VEHICLES FOR THE VERNON SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson proposed a resolution to approve and authorize internal financing in the amount of \$129,500.00 for a four-year term from the general fund to the education reserve for capital and non-recurring expenditure account to purchase seven (7) vehicles for the Vernon school system. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans and Finance Director, James Luddecke were available to answer questions. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) **Request the Town Council waive the bid procedure for the 2015 Fireworks Display provided at the "July in the Sky" event.** (See the memorandum from Bruce Dinnie, Director of Parks and Recreation dated May 19, 2015 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVE, THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR COSTS INVOLVING THE ANNUAL JULY IN THE SKY FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE PROVIDED BY ATLAS PYROVISION ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC., 136 OLD SHARON ROAD, JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,500.00, 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 waive the bid procedure for costs involving July in the Sky fireworks display to be provided by Atlas Pyrovision Entertainment Group Inc. Parks and Rec Director, Bruce Dinnie was available to answer questions. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- N.) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
None

- O.) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING **MAY 5, 2015** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the regular town council meeting of May 5, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING **APRIL 28, 2015** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the special town council meeting of April 28, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Monthly Report – Town Clerk, April 2015 as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
2. YTD for the Vernon Board of Education FY 2014-2015 as submitted by Michael Purcaro, Director of Business and Finance.

Adjourn (9:30 PM)

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary