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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016
 7:30 P.M.

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

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B.) ROLL CALL:

Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Michael Winkler, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Laura Bush, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson, Ann Letendre, Virginia Gingras

Absent: Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Bill Campbell

Also Present: Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Bernice K. Dixon

C.) CITIZENS FORUM

Joe Tarzi, 155 West Main Street, spoke in support of posting Town Council meetings to YouTube in addition to the Community Voice Channel.

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

None

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F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Presentation by Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to the Town Council on various topics.

- Mayor recently attended a grand re-opening of "Spare Time Entertainment" and a ribbon cutting at the new "Moes" Southwest Grill which occupies the former Radio Shack space in Tri-City Plaza.
- The North Central Health District has hired a new Director of Health. Patrice Sulik comes with 20 years of public health experience.

- Board of Education is in the process of formulating their budget to be delivered to Administration by February 10th. The General Budget is also being worked on. Both will be delivered by March 15, 2016.
- Please note that the Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for 8:00 PM instead of the traditional 7:00 PM due to the scheduled Presidential Primaries.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda items C1-C2. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

- C 1. Request for the approval Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year (s).** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated January 19, 2016 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (1) ONE PRIOR TAX REFUNDS TOTTALLING \$128.80 AND (3) THREE CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$219.76, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED JANUARY 19, 2016.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Jeffrey Pescosolido, (U), 96 Brent Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission, said appointment to commence on February 3, 2016 and December 31, 2018.** (A copy of Mr. Pescosolido's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 8, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY PESCOSOLIDO, (U), 96 BRENT DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 3, 2016 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2018.

- H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS
None

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

None

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council endorses the application for funding to FEMA in the amount of \$342,182.00 and further authorizes Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to sign any and all documents related to said grant application.** (See memorandum from Christopher Hammick, Safety Officer dated January 14, 2016 to Chief William Call; and memorandum from Chief William Call to Administration and Finance dated January 15, 2016 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO FEMA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$342,182.00 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAME.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to endorse the FEMA application in the amount of \$342,182.00. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the Town Council schedule budget meetings for the 2016-2017 budget deliberations.** (See memorandum from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant dated January 27, 2016 to the Town Council relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MEETING DATES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016, STARTING AT 9:00 AM; TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016, MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016 AND TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016, WITH A STARTING TIME OF 7:30 PM. FURTHER, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016 START TIME OF 7:30 PM IS SCHEDULED AS A BACK UP DATE SHOULD THE COUNCIL NEED ADDITIONAL TIME. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 BEGINNING AT 9:05 AM AND THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 BEGINNING AT 7:35 PM TO HEAR COMMENTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2016-2017 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. ALL BUDGET HEARINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, TOWN HALL, 14
PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to accept the proposed budget meeting dates as stated above. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER, CHAPTER VI, "**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES, APRIL 26, 2016 AS THE **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING**, TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2016-2017 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. THE APRIL 26, 2016 PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT BEGINNING AT 8:00 PM.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to schedule the Annual Town Meeting for April 26, 2016 at 8:00 PM in the Rockville High School Auditorium. 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

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **JANUARY 19, 2016** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

- P.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS,
CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION.
None
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- Q.) ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernice K. Dixon
Recording Secretary