

March 21, 2017

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

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March 21, 2017 - 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, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson and Virginia Gingras

**Absent:** Ann Letendre

**Entered During Meeting:**

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

**C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM**

None

**D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**E.) PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**F.) PRESENTATIONS**

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

- The grand re-opening and 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Rein's Deli will take place on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> between 10 AM and noon. Everyone is welcome and 10% of all revenue that day will be donated to Vernon First Responders.
- Ribbon cutting and grand opening on March 27<sup>th</sup> for Visual Perceptions, located on Route 83, having moved their office from Hartford Turnpike.
- The first budget meeting will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Council Chambers, beginning with approval of the rules for the meetings.
- I would like to extend a special thank you to the Finance Department for getting the budgets out on time despite the recent snow storm.
- Open House will take place on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> between 1-5 PM for all residents to see the proposed new location for the Vernon Senior Center at 135 Bolton Road.
- On behalf of the Town of Vernon, a hearty congratulations goes out to Stacey Shorts, daughter of Linda and Wes Shorts, on her gold medal in the snowshoe event in the Special Olympics World Winter Games held recently in Austria.

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**G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to move Consent Agenda items C#1-C#3. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 1. Request for the Town Council to approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated March 7, 2017 is included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES EIGHT (8) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$2829.29, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MARCH 7, 2017.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment # 19, #20, #21, #22, and #23 for fiscal year 2016-2017 as provided by Finance Officer and Treasurer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached.** (See the budget amendment forms with explanation attached to this agenda.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS, #19, #20, #21, #22, AND #23 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Sarah J. Olson (Iacobello), (D) 6 Tunnel Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Historic Properties Commission, said term to commence on April 4, 2017 and expires on April 3, 2022.** ( Ms. Olson's resume is included

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 185 (TOWN CODE SEC. 2-122) THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SARAH J. OLSON (IACOBELLO), (D), 6 TUNNEL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 4, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 3, 2022.

**H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None

**I.) PENDING BUSINESS**

None

**J.) NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council approve the bid waiver for the Department of Public Works for a 2016 International 7400 SBA 4X2 (SA625) Dump Truck from Nutmeg International Trucks Inc.** (See memorandum dated March 16, 2017 from Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, John D.

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Ward, Town Administrator, James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer and the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER TWELVE (XII), SECTION NINE (9), OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID REQUIREMENTS FOR COSTS INVOLVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 INTERNATIONAL 7400 SBA 4X2 (SA625) DUMP TRUCK FROM NUTMEG INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, INC., 130 BRAINARD ROAD, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06114 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$158,902.73 PER NUTMEG INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS INC., PROPOSAL 14334-01 DATED FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JOHN D. WARD TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT (S) TO THAT EFFECT.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to approve a bid waiver for costs involving the purchase of a 2016 International 7400 Dump Truck from Nutmeg International Trucks, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$158,902.73, and further authorizes John D. Ward, Town Administrator, to execute any instruments to that effect. Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans, Finance Officer, James Luddecke, and Public Works employee, Dwight Ryniewicz, answered questions. Discussion took place. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention, Jim Tedford.

**K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES 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 MARCH 7, 2017 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

**Adjourn ( 7:51 PM)**

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen C. Daigle', is written over the text 'Respectfully Submitted,'.

Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary