

December 5, 2017

Approved Minutes
Vernon Town Council- Regular Meeting
Town Hall- 14 Park Place- 3rd Floor
Vernon, Connecticut
December 5, 2017- 7:30PM

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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, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Mike Wendus, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson, and Ralph Zahner.

Absent: Council Member Steve Wakefield

Entered During Meeting: Council Member Ann Letendre at 7:32 PM

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretaries Karen Daigle and Cassandra Minor

C) CITIZENS FORUM

None

D) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

E) PUBLIC HEARING:

None

F) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION:

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to present a congratulatory proclamation to Steve Krajewski, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. Steve Krajewski spoke.

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

I. REMINDER: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THE FOLLOWING :

OPIOID FORUM – RHS - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017 5:30 PM Resource Fair begins and 7:00 PM the Forum begins.

G.A.R. OPEN HOUSE – TOWN HALL 2nd Floor, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017 7:00–9:00 PM

FIRE DEPARTMENT WALKWAY DEDICATION – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 1:00 PM

**WREATH'S ACROSS AMERICA - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017
12:00 NOON CEREMONY – "ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES EARLY FOR THE MOMENT OF
SILENCE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT NOON."**

TOYS FOR TIKES – MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017 6:15 PM NYE STREET FIRE HOUSE.

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2. ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR ARTIC SPLASH AND WINTERFEST this past weekend. Both events were well attended, Santa as always was a big hit. NOTE: Santa's House is open from 9:00 AM -1:00 PM Saturday and Sunday through December 23, 2017.
3. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE CHECK YOUR **PHOTOGRAPH** SELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL WEB PAGE. SEE DIANE WHEELock BEFORE YOU LEAVE THIS EVENING TO MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS.
4. **The Town official has taken possession of 19 Grove Street through the Court System and will be moving forward with turning this beautiful location into a park to welcome people into downtown Rockville.**

G) **ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve C-1 – C-6 carried unanimously.

- C 1.** **Request the Town Council tax refunds for prior and current years.** (See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne dated November 27, 2017 included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWO (2) PRIOR YEAR TAX REFUND TOTALLING \$1127.12 AND TWENTY-FOUR (24) CURRENT YEAR REFUNDS TOTALLING \$1448.26 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE, MAYOR DATED NOVEMBER 27, 2017.

- C 2.** **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Richard M. Clark, (D), 1158 Hartford Turnpike, Unit 2, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Conservation Commission, said term to commence January 1, 2018 and expires on December 31, 2020.** (A copy of Mr. Clark's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 189 – TOWN CODE SECTION 10-91 & 10-92, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD M. CLARK, (D), 1158 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2018 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2020.

- C 3.** **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Doreen Margo Evans, (D), 56 Thomas Street, Suite #3, Vernon, Connecticut as the Parking Violation Hearing Officer, said term to commence on January 1, 2018 and expires on December 31, 2018.** (A copy of Ms. Evans resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE III, "PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING", SEC. 13-39 "FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS SUBSECTION (e), THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DOREEN MARGO EVANS, (D), 56 THOMAS STREET, SUITE #3, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS THE PARKING VIOLATION HEARING OFFICER, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2018 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2018.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Wes Shorts, (R), 109 Hany Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to commence on January 1, 2018 and expires on December 31, 2020. (A copy of Mr. Shorts resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1,6 & 11 DATED JANUARY 1, 1985; C.G.S. §8-4A&B, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE REAPPOINTMENT OF WES SHORTS, (R), 109 HANY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2018 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2020.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Joseph R. Miller, (R), 27 Tallwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to commence on January 1, 2018 and expires December 31, 2020. (A copy of Mr. Miller's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1,6 & 11 DATED JANUARY 1, 1985; C.G.S. §8-4A&B, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S, REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH R. MILLER, (R), 27 TALLWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2018 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2020.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Roland Klee, (D), 132 Hany Lane, Vernon, Connecticut 06066 as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to commence January 1, 2018 and expires December 31, 2020. (A copy of Mr. Klee's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1,6 & 11 DATED JANUARY 1, 1985; C.G.S. §8-4A&B, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROLAND KLEE, (D), 132 HANY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2018 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2020.

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H) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None

I) **PENDING BUSINESS**

None.

J) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request the Town Council accept with gratitude the generous donation of the Hartmann Family Foundation in memory of Brenden Mailloux. (See memorandum from Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council dated December 1, 2017 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ACCEPTS WITH GRATITUDE THE GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE HARTMANN FAMILY FOUNDATION IN THE NAME OF BRENDEN MAILLOUX AND AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush motion to accept with gratitude the generous donation from the Hartmann Family Foundation in the name of Brenden Mallioux and authorizes Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or his designee to execute any and all documents for the same. Jaime Mailloux of 20 Deer Run Trail, Manchester and Carol Hartmann of 300 Tallwood Drive, Vernon spoke. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Request the Town Council refer Ogden Brook Subdivision final conveyance to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 referral required under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes. (See attached documentation from Planner Marina Rodriguez.)

PROPOSED MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL REFERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THE OGDEN BROOK FINAL CONVEYANCE TO THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR A REPORT PURSUANT TO SEC. 8-24 OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Tedford, made a motion to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission the Ogden Brook Final Conveyance to the Town of Vernon for a report pursuant to Sec. 8-24 of Connecticut General Statutes. Town Planner, Marina Rodriguez spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Request the Town Council refer 133 Tunnel Road sale to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 referral per Connecticut General Statutes. (See attached documentation from Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL , PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-24 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES HEREBY REFERS THE TOWN OF VERNON OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 133 TUNNEL ROAD TO THE DECEMBER 7, 2017 MEETING OF THE VERNON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to refer the Town of Vernon owned property known as 133 Tunnel Road to the December 7, 2017 meeting of the Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Request an asset disposal authorization for items from the Vernon Board of Education Central Administration by sale or public auction. (See attached documentation prepared by Finance Officer James M. Luddecke.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION, AS DISCLOSED ON THE FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL REQUEST FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to approve the disposal or sale at public auction of items from the Board of Education, Central Administration, as disclosed on the Fixed Asset Disposal Request forms and attachments. 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 INFORMATION ITEMS

None

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O) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2017 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the regular Town Council Meeting of November 21, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the special Town Council meeting of November 13, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Invitation to the **Members Recognition Walkway Dedication, December 10, 2017 1:00 PM at the Public Safety Building, 280 West Street, Vernon, Connecticut.**
2. Invitation to the **Opitoid Epidemic Forum** scheduled for December 6, 2017 at Rockville High School sponsored by the Vernon R.O.C.K.S Coalition.
3. REMINDER: **Wreath's Across America** ceremony, December 16, 2017 at 12:00 Noon, please arrive early as a moment of silence will begin the event promptly at 12:00 Noon.
4. Information on the **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program** distributed to all Town Employees.
5. Information item from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue dated November 27, 2017 relative to Notice of Interest Waiver.
6. Information item from Dawn Maselek, Assistant Town Administrator dated November 27, 2017 relative to Information to Employees for the upcoming winter and new tax year.

Q) ADJOURNMENT (7:53pm):

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: December 7, 2017
Approved: December 19, 2017

Respectfully submitted,



Cassandra Minor
Recording Secretary