

April 8, 2010

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

**April 8, 2010 – 7:00 PM**

Deputy Mayor Motola called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Daniel Anderson, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Michael A. Winkler

**Absent:** Bill Campbell (7:06 PM), Harry D. Thomas (7:36 PM)

**Entered During Meeting:** Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer

**Also Present:** Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Edie Cherniak, Chernak, 50 Cubles Dr. – spoke about the town clerk and town planner's office adding additional staff. She also spoke against approving paying for street lights in condo complexes. She also complained about the roads on and around Cubles Dr.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:08 PM

**PRESENTATIONS**

Town Administrator Ward spoke about the successful radio broadcast with Brad Davis WDRC Radio this AM from Town Council Chambers. He will be returning again on Memorial Day to MC the Memorial Day parade.

**MAYORAL REQUEST:**

The Mayor hereby requests that each Department Head in attendance present a brief overview of their department's budget to the Town Council prior to budget discussion.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2010-2011 for various departments, divisions and organizations to include:

1. Social Security and Medicare
2. Pension
3. Group Insurance
4. Unemployment Insurance
5. Municipal Insurance
6. Contingency
7. Debt Service – Principal Payments
8. Debt Service – Interest Payments
9. Revenue
10. WPCA

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

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### **Waste Treatment Plant Operation**

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 12, page 82, in the amount of \$5,615,919, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to decrease object code 52182 from \$305,862 to \$294,300. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to reduce object code 52180 from \$33,048 to \$26,868. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 12, page 82, account 41345700 in the amount of \$5,615,919, motion carried unanimously.

### **Social Security and Medicare**

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 10, page 65, in the amount of \$912,600, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 10, page 65, account 10670270 in the amount of \$912,600, motion carried unanimously

### **Pension**

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 10, page 66, in the amount of \$1,876,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Anderson requested Administration come back before town council with a motion to ensure all funds that are supposed to be paid to the Pension fund are actually deposited to the pension fund.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to close tab 10, page 66, account 10670271 in the amount of \$1,876,000, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

### **Group Insurance**

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 10, page 67, in the amount of \$3,269,888, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 10, page 67, account 10670272 in the amount of \$3,269,888, motion carried unanimously

### **Unemployment Insurance**

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 10, page 68, in the amount of \$22,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 10, page 68, account 10670273 in the amount of \$22,000, motion carried unanimously

### **Municipal Insurance**

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to open tab 10, page 69, in the amount of \$749,829, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 10, page 69, account 10671278 in the amount of \$749,829, motion carried unanimously

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8:07 PM Council Member Anderson left the table

8:09 PM Council Member Anderson returned

8:12 PM Council Member Winkler left the table

8:14 PM Council Member Winkler returned

### **Contingency**

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 10, page 70, in the amount of \$102,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst requested a list of the 2009 contingency expenses.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to increase object code 58800 by \$20,000.

8:35 PM Recess

8:40 PM Reconvene

Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Herbst, Anderson and Krupienski opposed.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 10, page 70, account 10672280 in the amount of \$122,000, motion carried unanimously.

### **Debt Service – Principal Payments**

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 11, page 75, in the amount of \$3,358,708, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to reduce object code 59170 by \$4,000, motion carried unanimously.

9:01 PM Council Member Krupienski left the table

Council Member Anderson requested Mr. Luddecke provide information regarding whether or not it is more advantageous to pay off some of the items listed under principal payments.

9:06 PM Council Member Krupienski returned.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to close tab 11, page 75, account 10883292 in the amount of \$3,354,708, motion carried unanimously

### **Debt Service – Interest Payments**

Council Member Champagne a, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 11, page 76, in the amount of \$2,138,717, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to reduce object code 59270 by \$1,176, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 11, page 76, account 10883294 in the amount of \$2,137,541, motion carried unanimously

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Council Member Anderson requested to James Luddecke provide general guidance information to the Town Council Members regarding the impact of mill rate impact per \$100,000 for the next meeting. He requested the information be e-mailed to Town Council Members prior to the next meeting.

RECESS (9:36 PM)

Council Member Winkler, seconded by council member Thomas made a motion to recess the meeting until April 14, 2010 7:00 PM.

Received: April 14, 2010

Approved: May 4, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle  
Assistant Town Clerk