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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING
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280 WEST ROAD
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

Thursday November 3, 2011 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:
Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry D. Thomas,
Absent: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Sean O'Shea, Michael A. Winkler
Entered During Meeting:
Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

E.) PRESENTATIONs by the administration

1. Presentation to the Town Council by Mayor Jason L. McCoy on ***Storm Alfred.***
Mayor McCoy presented basic information to Town Council members and residents regarding Storm Alfred as follows:

- The Emergency Operations Center was opened on October 29, 2011 after Mayor McCoy signed a declaration of emergency.
- A shelter opened up at Vernon Center Middle School (VCMS) on October 29, 2011 with 300 residents utilizing the shelter since it opened. Approximately 1200 meals have been served. Breakfast service is from 7:30 – 9:00 AM, Lunch at 11:45 – 1:15 PM and Dinner at 5:00 – 6:30 PM
- Warming and charging stations have been set up at the Senior Center and VCMS.
- So far no issues with potable water
- Potential issue with the WPCA pump station, however a new generator should be delivered by midnight.
- Snipsic Lake water plant has power on the street but no energy to the building. CL&P working to address the issue.
- Mayor McCoy shared the map of down trees and power lines and blocked roads and areas of priority to work with CL&P on clearing.
- Mayor McCoy shared the following safety messages:
    - If wires are down, assume they are live and call 911
    - The shelter is open, and a warming center is available at the senior center
    - Trash collection has been suspended because some trucks can't get through. Residents can bring their garbage to DPW.
    - Consider food safety rules
    - Use caution with gas powered generators especially when it comes to carbon monoxide poisoning
    - Monitor septic systems

- Elections will take place as scheduled on November 8, 2011. However, the polling places may be relocated. A flyer will be mailed to all residents regarding the polling place changes.

F.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

C 1. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments # 5 for fiscal year 2011-2012, as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke. (A copy of budget amendment #5 is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 8 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT A DELAY IN MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PERTAINING TO ***STORM ALFRED*** , MAY JEOPARDIZE THE LIVES, HEALTH OR PROPERTY OF THE CITIZENS OF VERNON;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO SAID EMERGENCY, HEREBY WAIVES THE REQUIREMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING, AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY CHAPTER XII, SECTION 8 OF THE TOWN CHARTER.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the above resolution to make the emergency appropriation and waive the requirement for a public hearing. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ESTIMATED EMERGENCY COSTS PERTAINING TO ***STORM ALFRED***, INVOLVING PREPARATION, RESTORATION, REPAIRS, CLEANUP AND ACTIONS TAKEN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY, ARE ESTIMATED TO BE FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($420,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 8 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES AN ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($420,000.00) TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET, ACCOUNT 10232189 – 54820, FOR INCURRED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH STORM ALFRED, AS INDICATED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #5.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the above resolution to appropriate $420,000 for costs associated with Storm Alfred as presented in budget amendment request #5. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED MOTION THREE

WHEREAS, THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE HIRING OF GREEN HILL RECYCLING AND LANDSCAPING PRODUCTS, LLC, 75 DOCKEREL ROAD, TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT, FOR EMERGENCY TREE AND BRUSH REMOVAL ASSOCIATED WITH ***STORM ALFRED***, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $30,000.00.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the above motion to waive the bid procedure and hire Green Hill Recycling and Landscaping products for

emergency tree and brush removal associated with Storm Alfred in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCoy answered questions from residents and Town Council members.

Adjourn (8:16 PM)

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary