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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012**  
7:30 P.M.

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- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZENS FORUM

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- D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Session #1**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200(6) (B), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING BEIRN VS TOWN OF VERNON, FURTHER, THE TOWN COUNCIL INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND EDWARD F. O'DONNELL OF THE FIRM SIEGEL O'CONNOR, O'DONNELL AND BECK PC., TO ATTEND.

**Session #2**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200(6) (B), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION RELATIVE TO 21 TERRACE DRIVE AND INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; AND HAROLD CUMMINGS, TOWN ATTORNEY TO ATTEND.

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- E.) PUBLIC HEARING
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F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor George F. Apel to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

Brief presentation from the Rockville Community Alliance relative to the upcoming Miss Greater Rockville Pageant. Morgan Amerone, **Miss Connecticut** will also be present .

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds for Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated February 13, 2012 is included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ELEVEN (11) OVERPAYMENTS OF THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6730.37 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2012.

- C 2. Request the Town Council authorizes Mayor George F. Apel to sign any and all documents relative to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Grant Program.** ( This is an amendment of the Council's original motion on October 4, 2011, with a change of authorization from Mayor Jason L. McCoy to Mayor George F. Apel.)

**AMENDED RESOLUTION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF VERNON MAY ENTER INTO WITH AND DELIVER TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH IT DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT GEORGE F. APEL, AS THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF VERNON IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON AND TO DO AND PERFORM ALL ACTS AND THINGS WHICH HE DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments # 12 - #22 for fiscal year 2011-2012, as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke.** (A copy of budget amendment forms are attached for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS # 12 - #22 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES LUDDECKE.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's appointment of Lisa Ouellette (D), 57 Hany Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission for a term to commence on February 22, 2012 and continuing indefinitely.** (A copy of Ms. Ouellette's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 09-21-76 AMENDED ON 09-21-1982 THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S APPOINTMENT OF LISA OUELLETTE (D), 57 HANY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2012 AND CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

- C 5. Request the Town Council 1985 Rescue Truck - Sale (disposal of Town Property) and expending the \$11,500.00.** (A memorandum dated February 15, 2012 from James Luddecke, Finance Director to John D. Ward, Town Administrator is included in the Council Packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S R141 - 1985 FORD RANGE RESCUE TRUCK, AND TO SELL IT TO TOLLAND AUTOMOTIVE OF EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT FOR A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF \$11,500.00; AND FURTHER, TO APPLY THE PROCEEDS TO EQUIPPING THE REPLACEMENT RESCUE TRUCK AND OTHER ITEMS AS DISCLOSED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT NUMBER EIGHTEEN.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

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I.) PENDING BUSINESS

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J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council adopt the suggested schedule of 2012-2013 budget hearings and designated public hearings.** (See memorandum dated February 13, 2012 from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant to Mayor George F. Apel, Town Administrator John D. Ward and Vernon Town Council re: same)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MEETING DATES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS: (list the four selected day/dates/times). THE FIRST OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON (day/date) SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BEGIN AT (time) AND THE SECOND WILL BE HELD ON (day/date), SAID PUBLIC HEARING TO BEGIN AT (time). SAID PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO HEAR COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THE 2012-2013 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. ALL BUDGET HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO CHARTER, CHAPTER VI, "ANNUAL TOWN MEETING," THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES, APRIL 24, 2012 AS THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING, TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2012-2013 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. THE APRIL 24, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066 BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM.

2. **Discussion relative to the Year to Date Budget figures as presented by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.** (See General Fund Budget and Expenditure Report for the period ended January 31, 2012 attached for Council review.)

**NO MOTION REQUIRED**

3. **Request the Town Council accept ownership of and responsibility for the Maxwell "family burial ground", as reference in the Last Will and Testament of J. Alice Maxwell dated March 28, 1941 and adopt the following motion.** (See memorandum from Town Attorney Harold R. Cummings dated February 15, 2012 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ON THE PAYMENT OF 50% OF THE BALANCE ON HAND IN THE MAXWELL CEMETERY TRUST, BUT NOT LESS THAN THE SUM OF \$125,000 TO TOWN OF VERNON THEN, EFFECTIVE UPON SUCH PAYMENT, THE TOWN OF VERNON HEREBY ACCEPTS OWNERSHIP OF THE MAXWELL "FAMILY BURIAL GROUND" LOCATED WITHIN THE GROVE HILL SEMETERY, AND, FURTHER ASSUMES FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND CONTROL OF SAID MAXWELL "FAMILY BURIAL GROUND" LOCATED WITHIN SAID CEMETERY INCLUDING THE MARKERS, MONUMENTS, TREES, SHRUBBERY, WALL, BRIDGES, PATHS, AND OTHER STRUCTURES AND VEGETATION THEREON.

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K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

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M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

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N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Activity Report – January, 2012 for the Building Departments as submitted by Harry Dan Boyko, Building Official.
2. Monthly Report - January, 2012 for the Youth Services Bureau as submitted by Alan Slobodien, Director.
3. Monthly Report - January, 2012 for the Town Clerk's Office as submitted by Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk.
4. Monthly Report EMS – January , 2012 as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.
5. Organizational Chart for Town of Vernon Administration.
6. Administration Function listing.
7. Ad Hoc Committee Report – Mayor's Compensation as submitted by Michael Winkler, Chairman.