MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
Tuesday, April 7, 2009 7:00 P.M.

The special Town Council budget meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

A.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL:
Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Marie Herbst, Brian Motola, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas, Michael Winkler
Absent:
Entered During Meeting: Bill Fox (7:15), Nancy Herold (7:35 PM)
Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

The April 1, 2009 recessed meeting reconvened at 7:05 PM.

Open tab and motion on the floor:

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 23, in the amount of $105,881, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to reduce object code 58800 by $15,000.

Discussion continued.

Recess (7:30 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to recess the Special Town Council Budget meeting until the end of the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting has been completed. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene (8:30 PM)

Request that the Town Council return to the recessed 2009-2010 Budget Discussion to continue and complete their final deliberations. Finance Officer James Luddecke to be present to conduct a revenue discussion and answer questions. Finally, the Town Council is requested to approve the total budget for Town Meeting at the conclusion of discussions.

MOTION:

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to adjourn the regular Town Council meeting and move back to the budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess (8:31 PM)

Reconvene (8:45 PM)

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to waive curfew. Council Member Winkler asked them to set a time. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas amended his motion to adjourn at 12:30 PM. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Schaefer, Fox and Herold abstained.

Open tab and motion on the floor:

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 23, in the amount of $105,881, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to reduce object code 58800 by $15,000.

Discussion continued. Council Member Herbst made a motion to move the question, motion failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Anderson, Campbell, Thomas, Champagne opposed.

Original motion to reduce object code 58800 by $15,000 carried, Council Members Herbst,

Schaefer, O'Shea, Herold and Winkler opposed, Council Member Fox abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 5, page 23 in the amount of $90,881, motion carried, Council Members Herbst and Schaefer opposed.

Pension

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 10, page 67, in the amount of $2,047,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 10, page 67, account 10670271, in the amount of $2,047,000, motion carried, Council Members Herold and Champagne abstained.

Group Insurance

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 10, page 68, in the amount of $2,766,250, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 10, page 68, account 10670272, in the amount of $2,766,250, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Unemployment Insurance

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 10, page 69, in the amount of $24,000, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 10, page 69, account 10670273, in the amount of $24,000, motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Insurance

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 10, page 70, in the amount of $696,292, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson requested a total vehicle summary for years 2009 vs. 2008.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 10, page 70, account 10671278, in the amount of $696,292, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Pequot Mohegan Grant

Mr. Luddecke requested a reduction be made to object code 43720, Pequot Mohegan Grant by $99,407 due to a calculation error. Council Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 2, page 4-9, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to reduce object code 43720 by $99,407. Motion carried, Council Member Herbst abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion co close tab 2, page 4-9 in the amount of $250,987, Motion carried unanimously.

Contingency

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 10, page 71, in the amount of $236,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to reduce object code 58000 by $100,000 for a total of $136,000. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Winkler, Champagne, Schaefer and Herold abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 10, page 71, account 10672280, in the amount of $136,000, motion carried, Council Members Champagne and Herold abstained.

Social Security and Medicare

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 10, page 66, in the amount of $935,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 10, page 66, account 10670270, in the amount of $935,000, motion carried unanimously.

Debt Service - Principal Payments

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 11, page 76, in the amount of $2,935,828, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to reduce tab 11, page 76, object code 59170 by $221,897. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 11, page 76, account 10883292, in the amount of $2,713,931, motion carried unanimously.

Debt Service - Interest Payments

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 11, page 77, in the amount of $2,008,350, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to reduce object code 59270 by $26,616 to $11,694. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 11, page 77, account 10883294, in the amount of $1,981,734, motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous Budget Changes:

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 5, page 5, account 10113130. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to decrease object code 51030 in the amount of $3284. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Herbst, Herold, Fox and Schaefer opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 5, page 5 account 10113130 in the amount of $79,422. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 15 account 10114146. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion decrease object code 51010 in the amount of $27,721. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Herbst, Herold, Fox and Schaefer opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 5, page 15 account 10114146 in the amount of $224,369. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Winkler, Fox and Schaefer opposed.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 17 account 10115150. Motion carried, Council Member Etre opposed.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion increase object code 51010 in the amount of $19,112. Discussion took place

Recess (10:55 PM)

10:57 PM, Council Member Herold left the meeting.

Reconvene (11:11 PM)

Discussion continued.

Motion to increase object code 51010 by $19,112 failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Anderson, O'Shea, Campbell and Thomas opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained.

11:15 PM, Council Member O'Shea left the meeting.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase object code 51030 by $10,559. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Etre, Anderson and Campbell opposed.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 5, page 17 account 10115150 in the amount of $270,337. Motion carried Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 32 account 10340200. Motion carried, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to decrease object code 51010 in the amount of $3235. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Member Etre opposed.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to decrease object code 51060 in the amount of $250. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 7, page 32 account 10340200 in the amount of $576,468. Motion carried, Council Member Etre opposed.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 3 account 10112120. Motion failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Anderson, Campbell, Thomas and Champagne opposed.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to open tab 12, page 83 account 41345700. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion decrease object code 58400 in the amount of $20,000. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Fox, Herbst and Schaefer opposed.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 12, page 83 account 41345700 in the amount of $5,708,145. Motion carried, Council Member Herbst opposed.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 6, page 29 account 10232187. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 51010 in the amount of $20,000. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Fox, Schaefer and Herbst opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to close tab 6, page 29 account 10232187 in the amount of 261,876. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to open tab 11, page 74 account 10780290. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion increase object code 57620 in the amount of $15,000 for purchase of a 4x4 pick up truck for the fire department. Motion failed, Council Members Motola, Etre, Anderson, Campbell, Thomas and Champagne opposed.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to reduce object code 57610 by $56,000 to change the vehicles to a lease purchase. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst opposed, Council Member Winkler abstained.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 11, page 74 account 10780290 in the amount of $76,120. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to open tab 11, page 14 account 10883292. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase object code 59170 in the amount of $14,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 11, page 14 account 10883292 in the amount of $2727,931. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 5, page 3 account 10112120. Motion carried, Council Members Anderson and Etre opposed.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to decrease object code in the amount of $30,000. Motion failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Anderson, Campbell, Thomas and Champagne opposed.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to decrease object code 51010 in the amount of $77,122.

Recess (12:30 AM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to recess until Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: April 10, 2009

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary

James E. Krupienski, Asst.

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Town of Vernon

Town Council Budget Hearing
Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - 3rd Floor, Town Hall

TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
		Citizens' Forum			
		Budget Overview			
5	6	*Elections - General*	10113131	30,925	
5	7	*Elections - Primary*	10113132	1	
5	8	*Elections - Referendum*	10113133	6,600	
5	1	Town Council	10110110	16,994	
5	17	Town Clerk	10115150	289,449	
5	2	Probate Court	10111112	14,110	
5	13	Assessment	10114144	262,415	
5	16	Revaluation	10114147	30,000	
5	18	Board of Assessment Appeals	10116155	2,700	
5	15	Collector of Revenue	10114146	252,440	
5	14	Refunds - Tax Adjustments	10114145	29,000	
6	29	Building Inspection	10232187	281,876	261,876
6	28	Fire Marshal	10232185	87,516	
6	30	Emergency Management	10232189	43,530	
6	24	Police	10230180	5,742,805	
6	25	School Crossing Guards	10230181	64,820	
6	26	Traffic Authority	10230182	317,960	

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6	27	Fire Fighting and Administration	10231183	1,091,074	
12	79	Ambulance Division	22231417	1,158,192	
5	22	Town Planner - Administration	10150170	235,616	
5	23	Community and Economic Development	10151171	105,881	90,881
		Revenue Discussion			
		Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action			

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Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Meeting Date: Saturday, March 28, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 3rd Floor, Town Hall

TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
		Citizens' Forum ***Public Hearing***			
		Budget Update			
10	67	Pension	10670271	2,047,000	2,047,000
10	68	Group Insurance	10670272	2,766,250	2,766,250
10	69	Unemployment Insurance	10670273	24,000	24,000
10	70	Municipal Insurance	10671278	696,292	696,292
10	71	Contingency	10672280	236,000	136,000
10	66	Social Security and Medicare	10670270	935,000	935,000
11	76	Debt Service - Principal Payments	10883292	2,935,828	2,727,931
11	77	Debt Service - Interest Payments	10883294	2,008,350	1,981,734
		Revenue Discussion			
		Miscellaneous Budgets Requiring Action			

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Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - 3rd Floor, Town Hall

TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
		Citizens' Forum			
		Budget Overview			
5	1	Town Council	10110110	17,359	
5	17	Town Clerk	10115150	289,449	270,337
5	2	Probate Court	10111112	14,110	
5	13	Assessment	10114144	262,682	
5	16	Revaluation	10114147	30,000	
5	18	Board of Assessment Appeals	10116155	2,700	
5	15	Collector of Revenue	10114146	252,773	224,369
5	14	Refunds - Tax Adjustments	10114145	29,000	
5	3	Executive and Administration	10112120	729,111	
5	4	Law	10112121	158,635	
5	9	Finance - Administration	10114140	411,013	
5	10	Finance - Independent Audit	10114141	41,500	
5	11	Finance - Treasury	10114142	2,355	
5	12	Finance - Purchasing	10114143	11,080	

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - 3rd Floor, Town Hall

TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
		Citizens' Forum			
		Budget Overview			
12	81	Cemetery Operations	23342420	261,520	
10	73	Vernon Cemetery Commission	10826302	135,483	
5	19	Water Pollution Control Authority	10116157	13,461	
12	83	Waste Treatment Plant Operation	41345700	5,728,145	5,708,145
10	72	Housing Authority-Sewer Subsidy	10673282	46,057	
12	85	Data Processing Center	51617710	702,090	
5	21	Data Processing	10117160	416,307	
6	31	Animal Control	10233188	128,924	
12	80	Dog Licensing Account	22233410	35,112	
7	42	Engineering	10341214	267,718	
7	32	Public Works - Administration	10340200	579,953	576,468
7	33	Public Works - General Maintenance	10340201	1,246,202	
7	34	Public Works - Equipment Maintenance	10340202	698,102	
7	35	Public Works - Maintenance of Government Bldg.	10340203	811,162	

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - 3rd Floor, Town Hall

7	36	Public Works - Snow Removal	10340204	194,740	
7	37	Public Works - Refuse Collection and Disposal	10340205	1,344,120	
7	38	Public Works - Recycling	10340206	364,041	
7	39	Public Works - Condominium Refuse	10340207	4,534	
7	40	Public Works - Tree Warden	10340208	10,680	
7	41	Public Works - Leaf Collection	10340209	117,695	
12	84	Center 375	42340704	240,949	
11	74	Capital Improvements - Town	10780290	132,120	76,120
		Revenue Discussion			
		Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action:			

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 30 2009, 7:00 p.m. - 3rd Floor, Town Hall

TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
5	5	Registration	10113130	83,834	79,422
5	6	Elections - General	10113131	30,925	
5	7	Elections - Primary	10113132	1	
5	8	Elections - Referendum	10113133	6,600	
		Revenue Discussion			
		Miscellaneous Budgets Requiring Action			
		Approve Total Budget for Town Meeting			