

MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022 7:00PM

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

B.) ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Julie Clay, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, Ariana Nieves-Matias, John O'Connell, Teri-Lynn Rogers, Jim Tedford and Michael Wendus

Absent:

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Finance Officer and Treasurer Jeffrey O'Neill, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

C.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:05 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2022-2023 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and questions

Clerk read the legal notice into the record

No comments from the public were made.

7:06 PM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne adjourned the Public Hearing

Returned to the Special Budget Meeting

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 28, 2022 meeting. There were no updates.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

Engineering – Tab 6, Page 286, Code 10341214, \$248,299

Dave Smith, Town Engineer, presented budget summary and answered questions, along with Jeff O'Neill, Finance Director. Discussion ensued.

Capital Improvements – Page 10, Page 410, Code 10780290, \$4,827,520

Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Director, gave an overview of this account.

Dave Smith, Town Engineer, spoke and answered questions.

7:29 PM Council Member Campbell left the table; returned at 7:35 PM

Robert Sigan, Data Processing Director, spoke and answered questions.

Stephen Eppler, Fire Chief, spoke and answered questions.
Martin Sitler, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke and answered questions.

8:16 PM Council Member O'Connell left the table; returned at 8:16 PM

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, spoke and answered questions.

8:44 PM Council Member Wendus left the table; returned at 8:47 PM

8:54 PM Council Member Clay left the table; returned at 8:56 PM

Travis Clark, Cemetery Director, spoke and answered questions.
John Kelley, Police Chief, spoke and answered questions.
Dan Wasilewski, Fire Marshal, spoke and answered questions.
Robert Grasis, WPCA Director, spoke and answered questions.

9:36 PM Recess; Reconvened at 9:49 PM

9:49 PM Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Clay, made a motion to extend curfew until the end of business. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works - Administration – Tab 6, Page 223, Code 10340200, \$729,363

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – General Maintenance – Tab 6, Page 229, Code 10340201, \$1,459,503

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions along with Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Equipment Maintenance – Tab 6, Page 237, Code 10340202, \$774,643

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions along with Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Maintenance of Gov't Buildings – Tab 6, Page 245, Code 10340203, \$950,271

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions along with Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Snow Removal – Tab 6, Page 253, Code 10340204, \$261,228

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions along with Mayor Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Refuse Collection & Disposal – Tab 6, Page 260, Code 10340205, \$1,399,888

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions along with Mayor Champagne. Discussion ensued.

Public Works - Recycling – Tab 6, Page 266, Code 10340206, \$360,112

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions along with Mayor Champagne. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Condominium Refuse – Tab 6, Page 274, Code 10340207, \$6,388

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. No discussion

Public Works – Tree Warden – Tab 6, Page 278, Code 10340208, \$17,150

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented summary and answered questions. No discussion.

Public Works – Leaf Collection – Tab 6, Page 282, Code 10340209, \$116,775

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions along with Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer. Discussion ensued.

Center 375 – Tab 11, Page 511, Code 42340704, \$237,531

Dwight Ryniewicz, Department of Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions along with Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer. Discussion ensued.

F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION

None

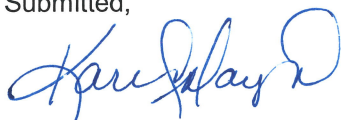
G.) (11:03 PM) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 4, 2022

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on April 4, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Submitted,



Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary